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## Schools endure rebuilding pains

■ The waiting is the hardest part for students at Madera and Harding elementary schools

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — There have been difficulties associated with multi-million dollar renovations at Madera and Harding Elementary Schools, though parents and school district officials say it'll be worth it when the upgrades are completed.

That's expected to happen a

year from now, said West County School District engineering officer Bill Savidge.

"It's good for the schools. It'll be good for the kids when it's finished," said Madera parent Manish Doshi.

"It's harder to get in and out and they're changing the classes around," said Madera second-grader Margot Friedman. "And there's not as much room to play, so it's really hard for the students."

Madera and Harding are undergoing combined \$24 million renovations that are rebuilding parts of the schools and upgrad-

ing other buildings. The upgrades include new utilities, roofing, seismic strengthening and more.

Dozens of temporary classrooms and administration rooms have been erected.

Both schools have moved their primary student pick-up and drop-off points. At Harding Elementary School, it has moved south to C Street. The narrow residential block has been accommodating traffic that formerly used Ashbury and Fairmount avenues, both thoroughfares.

That's created problems, said C Street resident Anne De Lov-

infosse. Traffic gridlock during the pick-up times makes the area unsafe for the school's children and is a disturbance to neighbors, she said.

Harding PTA co-president Beth Crespan said the big traffic problems have eased.

"It was a disaster — cars trying to drive up and down C Street," Crespan said. "I think they should've made two entrances instead of just one. Now they did, they opened an entrance off Fairmount (Avenue) which makes a big difference."

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EMERSON looks through a chain link fence while waiting for his grandfather Oct. 21 from Harding Elementary School in El Cerrito. The fence was put up while construction is being

## Blaze at auto shop probed

None hurt after a fire at an Albany repair shop; owner says 'you wouldn't get attached to stuff anyway'

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Firefighters are investigating the cause of a fire that ripped through a nearly 28-year-old auto repair shop on the block of San Pablo Avenue. Albany firefighters responded to the blaze at Dana Meyer Auto Care at 8:07 p.m. Tuesday and it was extinguished by 9:30 p.m., said Albany fire Capt. John Meyer. An adjacent building was not damaged.



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ALBANY FIRE BATTALION CHIEF Brian Crudo, left, and Capt. John Weitzel look for clues Tuesday night for the cause of a fire that gutted Dana Meyer Auto Care on San Pablo Avenue in Albany.

Meyer, who lives in an unincorporated area of Richmond.

"I suppose I should say you shouldn't get attached to that stuff anyway. We'll figure out how to make do."

Meyer said he was at the scene of the fire at about 8:10 p.m. and saw flames shooting 36 feet into the air.

Firefighters from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Richmond responded. They focused on preventing the flames from spreading to adjacent buildings after realizing that the auto repair shop could not be saved, Weitzel said. They shot water onto the blaze from the roof of an auto body repair shop next

door. The cause of the fire is unknown.

"It's just strange," said Ray Vincent, a service writer with Dana Meyer Auto Care who was looking at the wreckage Wednesday. "We still don't know what happened."

While surrounding buildings

appeared by the light of day to be undamaged, the inside of Meyers' shop was gutted, blackened tools resting inside as the smell of burning objects hung in the air.

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## Tauscher to speak at Kensington town hall

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher will speak about Iraq and her recent trip there during a town hall meeting Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

### TOWN HALL MEETING

WHAT: Annual Kensington town hall meeting sponsored by the Kensington Improvement Club

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon

WHERE: Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

INFORMATION: Call 510-525-7781

Sponsored annually by the Kensington Improvement Club, the meeting also will feature presentations by several local officials. Attendees will be given time to ask questions.

"It's a wide variety of things and it should be very enjoyable," said Linda Lipscomb, a Kensington Improvement Club board member.

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## Area schools' test scores improve

Nearly two-thirds of schools attain state-mandated API targets

By Kara J. Shire  
STAFF WRITER

Schools from Richmond to West Contra Costa advanced their standings on the latest round of the Academic Performance Index, with West Contra Costa schools making the greatest strides.

Nearly two-thirds of West Contra Costa's 46 eligible schools met their state-mandated target for the fourth year of the API, which measures students' improvement or failure. Last year, less than half the campuses reached the growth mark.

Verde Elementary School in North Richmond, a campus once widely considered a lost cause, made the greatest gains of any school in Contra Costa County.

Verde's 123-point jump on the index of school progress was the sixth highest in the state's 6,400-school system. In just four years,

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Complete API results by school and district are at <http://api.cde.ca.gov/>

Verde students raised their API to 570 from 315, an 81 percent increase.

"Everybody keeps asking me what's the magic bullet," said Verde Principal Janice Banks-Thompson, "and I really think it's the people. I mean, we have things to help us, but if (people) don't have the right attitude to teach the children, it's not going to work. It's teamwork. It's that love of wanting to see the children grow."

The API is the cornerstone of California's accountability system for public schools. Created in 1999, it highlights school improvement or failure through a numeric index that ranges from a low of 200 to a high of 1000. The target score is 800.

The progress made in West County schools mirrors statewide gains. Across California, 78 per-

cent of schools met their API targets, a 26-point increase from 2002. To meet the growth target, a school must improve its API score by 5 percent, plus show improvement for each sizable economic, ethnic and educational group.

In Albany, five of the district's six schools exceeded the API's 800-point bar. Albany's districtwide API is in the top 6 percent of California school districts.

In the John Swett school district, John Swett High showed the most improvement, raising its API 51 points to 667. Statewide, high schools improved only slightly, just 24 points to a median API of 668.

The West Contra Costa school district showed the region's most marked improvement.

"We've been waiting to really see it happen and here it is," said Randi Hagen, West Contra Costa's director of accountability. "Everybody here is feeling pretty good."

As a whole, West Contra

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TUE NAM TON/STAFF

## Tiptoe through the pumpkins

ALBANY RESIDENTS Roxana Andrade and her daughter Rosi, 7, pick out pumpkins for Halloween Oct. 28 at Ray's Pumpkin Patch in Albany.

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE







# Neighbors

## San Francisco exhibit features local talent

Artists Kana Tanaka of El Cerrito and Adrian Arias of Richmond are featured in an exhibit called "Bringing Light to the Darkness," a Day of the Dead exhibit at SomArts Cultural Center through Sunday, Nov. 2 at SomArts Cultural Center in San Francisco.

The two are among about 70 artists who contributed to the show. The Day of the Dead traditionally is a time to welcome deceased loved ones back to earth. This exhibit, say organizers, celebrates life and focuses on social issues, exploring themes such as war and peace.

The SomArts Cultural Center is at 934 Brannan St. (between Eighth and Ninth streets), San Francisco. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Information: www.somarts.org

Albany High School student and Army Reserve Pvt. Eric Santos has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Santos, the son of Ricardo P. Santos and the nephew of Emilio P. Santos, both of Richmond, went through nine weeks of training at Fort Jackson. He studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values and physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Albany Chamber of Commerce Executive Director James Carter tells us that the chamber will hold a mixer at the Albany Restaurant on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and a holiday party at Mechanic's Bank on Thursday, Dec. 11.

And, he adds, the chamber has a plan for attracting people to Albany for dining and shopping on the holidays. Part of the plan is to light up town: "Our goal is to get every business, every building, every home and every street to decorate their windows, nearby trees, doorways, and out, with clear white holiday lights and other trimmings," he writes in an e-mail. The best-decorated business (as voted on by customers) will



"SILENCIO ACUMULADO," by Richmond artist Adrian Arias, is a tribute to the women and girls killed and disappeared in Ciudad Juarez. Arias' installation is part of "Bringing Light to the Darkness," a Day of the Dead exhibit at SomArts Cultural Center in San Francisco (see People column for more).

win three months of free advertising in this and other Hills Newspapers.

Visitors to Albany also will hear live music during the holidays and possibly enjoy free shuttle service. Sounds like holiday heaven.

"Just consider this," Carter writes, "Why would anyone shop in a fiberglass mall when they can shop and dine in their home town — in Albany — a place where business serves the community, the community supports small businesses, and everyone will give you the time

of day ...?" For information on the mixer and the holiday plans, call the Chamber at 510-525-1771.

The black-and-white photographs of Robert Spertus are on display in an exhibit entitled "Panoramic Images of the Western Landscape" at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery through Jan. 18.

The large photographs were taken with a moving-lens panoramic camera and include mountain and desert vistas, Se-

quoia National Park, Oregon's John Day River, Tilden Park and Mt. Diablo. The gallery is at 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays. Information: 510-524-9283.

— Deborah Byrd

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## Make your home — and street — a Halloween haven

HALLOWEEN ISN'T what it was when I was a kid.

I realized that a couple of years ago, when my friend Linda Rogers, who lives in Piedmont, invited me to her house to, as she put it, "watch the parade."

I thought she was talking about an honest-to-goodness parade, with floats and baton twirlers and marching bands. But she was talking about something else: the annual influx of cars and SUVs, packed with kids, driving into Piedmont to go trick-or-treating.

One by one, they pulled up in front of her house, disgorged the kids, and the drivers said, "OK, everybody meet back here in half an hour."

This isn't an only-in-Piedmont phenomenon. In Berkeley, where I live, these caravans are an annual sight on California Street in West Berkeley and Russell Street in the Elmwood.

"We get about a couple of hundred kids every year," says Debby Walton, who lives on California Street. "I have no idea where most of them come from, but I'm glad they at least have someplace to go."

So am I, but I'm sad that it's come to this. Some holidays, like Thanksgiving, are centered around the home. Others, like Easter or Rosh Hashanah, are centered around the church or synagogue. But only Halloween is centered around the neighborhood.

Remember your own childhood? As your parents watched carefully from a discreet distance, you went door to door, and lo! The familiar houses on the block had been transformed into something magical and spooky.

It usually wasn't much — usually just a crepe paper skeleton on the door and a jack-o'-lantern on the front stoop. But it doesn't take much to transport a child into a fantasy world.

The door would open, and your neighbor — Mrs. Smith or Mr. Jones — would duly pretend to be surprised it was really you behind that costume. Then they'd hand you a treat, and you were off to play out the ritual at the next house.

The candy was actually the least of it. Your mom usually threw away half the stuff again, because she didn't like the way it was wrapped.



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

No, the real fun was the trick-or-treating itself: playing dress up, bonding with your neighbors, and reveling in the delicious scariness of being out after dark.

But all that is lost if it's not your own neighborhood. So why do they do it?

One possible reason is the Willie Sutton factor. (When asked why he robbed banks, he said, "Because that's where the money is.") Maybe some people go to Piedmont or Russell Street simply because the treats are better.

But I suspect they're in the minority. It's a hassle to pile your kids into the car and schlepp them across town; and I'd guess most people take the trouble because their own neighborhoods aren't very kid-friendly.

"On my block you'll see maybe one house out of five with a pumpkin in front, but most of them are dark," says Berkeley's Ellen Lapidus, who drives her children to Russell Street every year. "That's no fun for a little kid."

"But on Russell Street, every house is an adventure. One house looks like a giant jack-o'-lantern every year, with the second floor windows as eyes and the ground floor windows and door as a huge grin."

Come to think of it, my own block isn't very kid-friendly either. As I look out my front window, I see only one house with Halloween decorations. No wonder the kids go somewhere else.

I think I'll run to the store and load up on some candy and a pumpkin before tonight. And I urge you to do the same. We need to create mini-communities within our community.

I'm no Hillary Clinton fan, but she really was right about it taking a whole village. Or at least, a whole block.

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## The doorbell will toll for UNICEF tonight

Instead of candy, kids in Kensington and Berkeley will be seeking donations for less-fortunate children abroad.

By Martin Snapp  
STAFF WRITER

When Kensington and Berkeley residents open the door to trick-or-treaters tonight, they'll find that those ghosts, goblins and fairy princesses want something else besides candy: They want cold, hard cash. But it's all for a good cause.

Five hundred students from Kensington Hilltop Elementary school will fan out over Kensington, Richmond and San Pablo, together with some even smaller schools from the nearby Neigh-

borhood Pre-School. Another group of youngsters from First Baptist Church in Berkeley will be doing the same in Berkeley.

The children will ask for donations to UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

"Trick Or Treat For UNICEF" began 53 years ago with a handful of kids in Philadelphia. They raised only \$17 that first year, but the tradition took hold. To date, American children have raised more than \$119 million for their less fortunate counterparts around the world.

"A little donation goes a long way," says volunteer coordinator Martha Olney, whose son Jimmy is a kindergarten at Kensington Hilltop. "Just three cents can buy a child enough vitamin A for a year. Five cents will provide a

year's worth of iodine. One dollar will protect him or her from polio or measles for life."

Olney, an economics professor at UC Berkeley, has been involved with this project, in one way or another, since she was a kid herself. "I grew up in Corte Madera, and one of my earliest memories is yelling, 'Trick or Treat for UNICEF!'" she says.

This is Olney's first year coordinating the program at Kensington Hilltop. She's been doing the same thing for several years at First Baptist Church in Berkeley, where her partner, Rev. Esther Hargis is pastor. This year, when their son Jimmy enrolled at Kensington Hilltop, she asked who was running the program there.

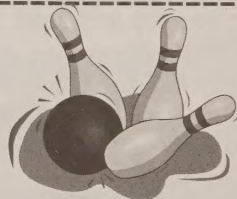
"I found out that the parent who used to do it had now graduated — that is, her child had graduated — to junior high," she says, "so I volunteered."

To explain why, she needs look no further than her own son.

"Jimmy was born in Russia," she says. "When we adopted him he was 13 months old, but he weighed only 15 pounds. He started gaining weight as soon as we adopted him; and he's up in the 90th percentile now. But there are a lot more like him out there. Tonight, he'll have a chance to do something for them, too."

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

### Pet-friendly Halloween requires preparation

WHEN WE or our kids dress up and get ready to celebrate Halloween, we need to make sure that it's not a fright night for our pets.

The firecrackers and rockets' red glare of the Fourth of July can't hold a Roman candle to this holiday in which very scary-looking beings come right up to our very doorsteps. We even wonder if a cat or a dog can recognize the masked, cloaked, hooded figures as human (at least before they get a good sniff) — let alone humans with only the innocent intention to score as many grams of pure sugar as possible.

When you think of it, most of us get relatively few people coming to the door compared to the days when mothers stayed home and the neighborhood children ran in and out, not to mention the various businesses that made home deliveries.

Now it's the mail, and maybe, once in a while, a UPS delivery, or people spreading the news about their religion of choice, or selling security systems.

But on Halloween, we set out the jack-o'-lanterns, turn on the porch light (maybe adding a few orange strings of Halloween lights for good measure), assign someone to answer the door and hand out candy.

As we all know, our pets are individuals with their own personalities. Most cats seem to want to hide in a back room until it's all over, and some dogs are mellow enough to take it all in stride as long as their humans telegraph that everything's OK.

But there are precautions we should take, say veterinarians and other animal experts, to keep our more high-strung pets safe and to keep trick-or-treaters safe from a frightened bite or scratch. And some measures are good for all animals.

Keep pets away from jack-o'-lanterns and candles that might be knocked over and start a fire.

A back room kept quiet is a good place for high-strung cats or dogs. Outside cats should be brought in for the night — especially black cats.

Animals in costume? Bad idea unless your pet's already used to it. If you must, make sure the costume doesn't interfere with your pet's ability to walk, see or eat. And don't use rubber bands to secure a costume part on any of your pet's parts; they cut off circulation and also pull fur.

Make sure pets have collars and ID tags so that if they do get panicked and run away, there's a better chance of recovering them.

When the candy haul comes in, make sure it's out of pets' reach. Chocolate can poison animals. And candy wrappers can be harmful if pets swallow them; make sure they're thrown away in the outside garbage or other receptacle animals can't access.

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## IT'S HALLOWEEN PARTY TIME

I'M GOING AS  
AN EX-GOVERNOR.



I'M GOING AS  
AN EX-TERMINATOR.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Iraq costs

The patriotism that has inspired our noble senators and representatives to donate our tax money (more than \$100 billion of it: Is anything left?) with such willingness to pay for our continuing to bring peace and serenity to Iraq, cannot but warm our hearts and fill us with awe.

However, a news item the other day about the cost of war, brought home to us all the fact that some of us pay even higher costs. The article contained a wrenching account of how a woman had received notification that her son had been killed.

That is one immense price to pay, and one wonders how many of our senators and representatives have paid that price since the time they authorized the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

If we lived in some corrupt country, only the peasants would suffer personal loss in a war, while the leaders got richer and fatter at home. Thank God that is not the case here. But we should not keep secret the losses of our leaders, lest we get the wrong impression.

Frederick Shaw  
El Cerrito

### Gone too far

I think the group, "People Eating Tasty Animals," has gone too far in asking that the names of cities be changed because there may be some negative connotation associated with a particular title, even though there is a significant historical background for why a particular name was selected.

Oh, oh, I'm sorry ... you mean that's not what PETA stands for? Funny how a name can be (mis)construed to serve our own biases.

Richard Aptaker  
El Cerrito

### Government spending

Since the dawn of history, governments have spent too much.

One government right now, that of New Zealand, has altered that trend. It

might be well to examine the approach they took to leaving more in their citizens' pockets.

They adopted the following questions about spending proposals:

■ Show evidence that a problem really exists.

■ Show evidence that government activity will solve this problem.

■ Show how much this activity will cost.

■ Show how much the benefit will be that will arise from solving this problem.

■ What is the date when the problem will have been eliminated and spending on it will no longer be needed?

Our state Legislature would do well to adopt this method.

George Amberg  
El Cerrito

### Discussion necessary

Along with a complete revision of the zoning code, the city of Albany planning and zoning commission and city staff are proposing changes to the land-use element of the city's general plan, which will re-designate eight blocks of Kains Avenue and Adams Street from residential to commercial.

This is no small matter to be presented to the residents as already decided in our best interests! It is of great concern to the neighborhood and should require far more input from all the residents of our city.

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What are the implications for the nearby streets of commercial development on these blocks? What about "zoning inconsistencies" as a rationale for a change to the general plan, which zoning should follow and be consistent with the general plan?

City staff members have waved the magic wand and declared that this change to commercial, along with increased development, will have no significant consequences on the environment from noise, traffic, parking, loss of light or views, etc. Can this be true? The affected neighborhood, along with the rest of the city, need to be given a major role in deciding whether and how development should proceed. The planning and zoning commission has scheduled a community workshop for Nov. 18 and will continue discussing this issue at its upcoming meetings. Please come and participate.

Edward Field  
Maureen Crowley  
Albany

### Lack of funds?

I read with disgust the letters to the editor regarding the West Contra Costa school district and the lack of money for bare necessities such as soap, lockers, glue, programs, etc.

My children attend at the elementary school level and they had no funds for rubber playground balls for recess. After (wish list) came home the first week of school from the teachers asking for donations of glue sticks, tissue, soap, etc.

I must wonder, if we can't afford necessities, how in the world can a school district justify giving Gloria Johnston, our schools superintendent, a salary of \$191,922, of which \$34,922 is in perks. Those perks add up to considerably more than my annual salary. Also keep in mind that West Contra Costa school district teachers took a 2 percent pay cut.

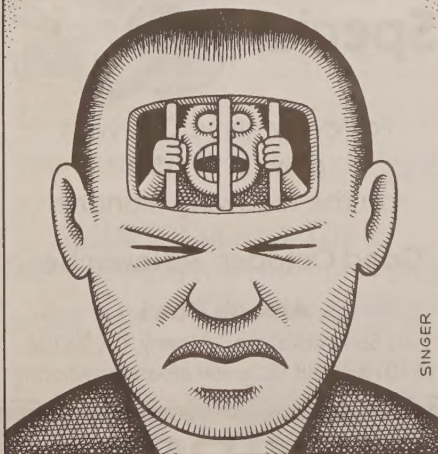
I purchased balls, glue and tissues for my children's classroom so they would have them. Our school district can't afford it. I wonder why.

D.A. Caplan  
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## COMMENTARY

# Let Council know your views on utility users tax

### By Mark Friedman

EL CERRITO MAYOR

As a result of the state budget crisis, El Cerrito faces some critical decisions about our budget and the level of services we can provide. We pride ourselves on the provision of comprehensive, high-quality services. Unfortunately, these services are in jeopardy. The city has recently been required to pay nearly \$500,000 to the state to help it solve its budget problem. Additionally, the City Council recently repealed El Cerrito's longstanding real property transfer tax, which has resulted in the loss of approximately \$900,000 annually.

Finally, the governor-elect has pledged to repeal the Vehicle License Fee ("car tax"), which is used to fund local government services. The city receives about \$1.3 million annually from this fee; most of it is used to pay for police, fire and

parks and recreation services.

Currently, all El Cerrito households pay a utility users tax (UUT) of 8 percent on your electricity, telephone, gas and cable TV bills. While this is a small amount per household (about \$15 per month), the UUT generates approximately 13 percent of the city's general fund budget: \$2.2 million per year. These funds go directly to pay for vital city services such as police protection, prompt fire and medical response, street, park and sidewalk maintenance, comprehensive recreation, after-school and senior programs.

The UUT was first implemented by the El Cerrito City Council in 1992. At that time, state law allowed cities to institute such a tax. However, a California Supreme Court decision later ruled otherwise and now, to maintain the UUT, it must be approved by a majority public vote.

For that vote to occur, the City Council must first agree to put the issue on the ballot. If the tax is not placed on the ballot and then passed by El Cerrito voters, the city cannot continue to collect it.

At the City Council meeting on Monday, we will discuss the issue of when the tax should be placed on the ballot and the consequences to services of no longer having those funds.

I encourage all citizens to attend this meeting and learn exactly what is at stake.

If the City Council agrees to place the UUT on the ballot, it is important to remember that this will not be an election for a new or increased tax. It is only a vote to maintain the existing UUT at its 1992 level to comply with the Supreme Court ruling.

If the UUT is discontinued, it will affect many aspects of our lives here in El Cerrito. Because we are a small, predominantly residential city, our City Council

does not have many options for replacing these funds. City funds are generated through sales and property taxes, though most of that money goes to Sacramento and covers a portion of city expenses. These are factors that the council, like many other California cities, must consider.

If the council places the UUT on the ballot, the city will ultimately be voters to continue the tax, or to eliminate it completely? If it is eliminated, how would it affect the city and its services?

The City Council needs to hear of the financial implications to the city, as well as the views of you and other residents. That's what we want to hear the facts of from the dedicated city members responsible for entering the essential services are used to receiving.





SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

## Hot weather homecoming

**EL CERRITO** High School freshman king Anthony Hill sips an ice cold Slurpee on an unusually hot fall day while riding with freshman queen Lamontiasa Butchor during the school's annual homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 24. Below, seniors yell to the crowd while riding their Mardi Gras-themed float down Ashbury Avenue.



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

## EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

### El Cerrito High School

**BOYS SOCCER FUND RAISER:** Today—Oct. 31—is the last day of the fundraising event sponsored by Pasta Pomodoro (5040 El Cerrito Plaza). Pasta Pomodoro will donate \$1 for each entrée ordered (excluding items from the children's menu). When you dine at the restaurant, simply give your waiter a "Pasta Partner" card which designates the EC High Boys Soccer Program as the organization it will donate to. Only one card is needed for your entire party. This is also good on take outs. Cards are available in the school office or from Elvia Mishina at 510-234-0400. Pass the cards on to your friends and family.

**SPANISH 4 CONTINUES:** Ms. Quen reports that the Spanish 4 Honors class that was scheduled to end today will continue through January.

**INFORMATION NIGHT:** Volunteers are needed to help on Information Night for incoming ninth-graders, Thursday, Nov. 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This is the event where parents of

prospective students learn about El Cerrito High and tour the school. Volunteers are needed to set up from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m., or be available during refreshments to chat with parents of incoming ninth-graders from 8 to 8:30 p.m. or help clean up after refreshments, from 8:30 to 9 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping out should call the PTA volunteer coordinator at 510-215-2798 or e-mail [rossshan@pacbell.net](mailto:rossshan@pacbell.net).

**PAGETURNERS:** El Cerrito's book club, Pageturners, will meet on Wednesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in room 604. Everyone—students, teachers, parents, siblings—is invited. Newcomers are always welcome.

For the November meeting the club will be reading "Revenge: A Story of Hope" by Laura Blumentfeld. The book will be available at Boadecia's Books on Colusa (at the Kensington Circle) and from Paula Gocker in room 604 at a 10 percent discount beginning next Tuesday or Wednesday. If you have questions or want more information call 510-524-9560.

# Library branch helps tell story of 'secret city'

Quote of the week:

"Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill."

— Barbara Tuchman, 1912-1989

I WAS IN Tennessee recently and, as I was studying the road map, I suddenly realized we were going to be close to Oak Ridge, Tenn. I have a personal connection to Oak Ridge because my father was part of the original federal program, known as the Manhattan Project, and he worked there for a few years, starting in 1944. I couldn't resist the chance to see a little of my father's history, so we headed there.

I had no idea if there would be anything left to look at, but we followed signs and finally ended up near a huge old building that I knew immediately must be what we were seeking. When we emerged from the car, a man with a Bechtel badge hanging around



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

his neck greeted us with the words "the public entrance is over there," pointing away from us, but he turned out to be full of information and quite affable about sharing it. The building known as K-25 was where my dad worked and it is slowly, due to environmental concerns, being torn down, with a goal date of 2008.

As he talked, I started thinking about how little I really knew about this "secret city," as it has been called, and so our next stop was the local library, where I was sure I could find all the information I wanted. And I was right: the very friendly librarian there showed me the Oak Ridge Room, with files of newspaper clippings and books all about

the project and the incredible secrecy around it. And when I asked if there were still residents who had been in Oak Ridge during the war, she pointed out a couple, who spent about 20 minutes with me, sharing their memories.

One of the best written sources of information was a book called "Celebrate Oak Ridge, A Chronology of the Atomic City: 1942-1998." It includes pages from "The Oak Ridger," the local newspaper, and devotes one page to each year. Ed Westcott writes the one for 1942, and in it he describes the local legend from 1900 "when a voice told John Hendrix to sleep with his head on a rock near his house on Pine Ridge and he would be empowered with visions of future developments in his community." According to the story, he then predicted much of what came about—the huge buildings, the importance of Oak Ridge in the war, the thousands of people arriving, and more.

Thomas F.X. McCarthy

wrote the piece for 1945 and he reminisces about Oak Ridge—what people did for recreation, the mud, the rationing and his work. But what interested me most was his description of Aug. 6, 1945—the day most people in Oak Ridge learned that the plants so quickly built and so carefully kept secret, and that required "about 10 percent of all the electric power generated in the United States" were providing the materials for the atomic bomb.

**READER REVIEW:** This week's book review is from Katie and the book is J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." This fantasy is about "Harry Potter and his innocent godfather who is locked up in jail." One word Katie would use to describe this book is "breath-taking" and she recommends it because "it is fun for people of all ages."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkelstein@aclib.org](mailto:jwinkelstein@aclib.org) or at the Albany Library.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

**Toddler Times**—storytimes for children ages 24 to 36 months, are coming back to the **Albany Library**. The new series runs Nov. 10 through Dec. 15, Monday afternoons at 3 p.m. Call soon for sign ups: 510-526-3720 (children's desk).

Also at Albany: People 55 and older can find out more about Elderhostel when Judie Fernandez, Elderhostel Ambassador, comes to speak, show slides and answer questions about the Elderhostel program. Literature will be available and refreshments are provided courtesy of the Albany

Friends of the Library on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m..

As part of the Alameda County Library, the **Albany Library**, celebrates Children's Book Week Plus Nov. 3-26. The Children's Book Council created Children's Book Week to encourage children, and the adults who care for them, to make time each day with a favorite book.

Book lovers can also check out the libraries' "Challenge Page" at [www.aclib.org/kid-space](http://www.aclib.org/kid-space). Click on "Children Book Week Plus," unscramble the titles of well-known children's

books and win a prize.

The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave. and is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Information: 510-526-3720 ext 20.

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At the **El Cerrito Library**, learn the basics of the online world at the library's beginning Internet workshops. Practice computer mouse skills, set up e-mail, search the Web, locate library materials in the online catalog, and find the information you need in the library's databases. The workshops are held

on alternating Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m.

Call 510-526-7512 to sign up. The El Cerrito Library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave.

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The **Kensington Library** holds Family Storytimes for all ages on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled). The Kensington Library is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043

## ALBANY PTA NEWS

### Albany PTA Council

Nov. 14-17, Cody's Fundraiser, Telegraph and Fourth Street stores in Berkeley, 15 percent of your purchases returned to your school's PTA, bring receipts to office.

### Albany High School

Receive announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at [ltopm@earthlink.net](mailto:ltopm@earthlink.net).

Nov. 3, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library

Nov. 6, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Asst. Prin. Conf. Rm.

### Albany Middle School

Receive the daily bulletin and announcements by e-mail. Frances Santiago at [santiagofrances@hotmail.com](mailto:santiagofrances@hotmail.com)

Nov. 3, Principal's Coffee, 8 a.m., AMS Room 115

Nov. 6, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library Scrip Orders: Call Dorothy Brown at 510-524-3123 or e-mail: [dorothybmc@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothybmc@yahoo.com)

### Cornell Elementary School

Receive announcements by e-mail. Contact Barbara Grady-Ayer at [gradayayer@aol.com](mailto:gradayayer@aol.com).

Scrip Orders: Call Mark Piven 510-526-2082 or e-mail: [prwvwest@pacbell.net](mailto:prwvwest@pacbell.net)

### Marin Elementary School

Receive announcements by e-mail. Contact Kym Sterner at [kymsterner@earthlink.net](mailto:kymsterner@earthlink.net).

Scrip Orders: Call Helene Class at 510-526-4902 or e-mail: [h.class@att.net](mailto:h.class@att.net)

Paper Scrip for sale in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30

a.m. and Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

### Ocean View Elementary School

Dec. 6, Craft Fair, for booth rentals call Pam Reed at 510-526-4053.

Scrip Orders: Call Laurie Amaro at 510-525-0476.

### AUSD Board of Education

Nov. 11, Regular Meeting, 7:30p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

### AUSD Calendar

Nov. 10, Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL)

Nov. 11, Veterans' Day (NO SCHOOL)

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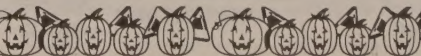
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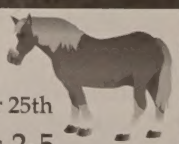


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## Children

■ UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science holds a science exhibit "Jelly Belly presents Candy Unwrapped," through Jan. 4. LHS is the public science and math center of UC Berkeley. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Location: Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak. 510-642-5132 or visit [www.lawrence-hall-of-science.org](http://www.lawrence-hall-of-science.org).

■ The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., presents "Read Me a story," a free drop-in program in which teens read picture books aloud to young children, age 3 and up. The program takes place 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Saturday through Aug. 16. 510-526-3720, ext. 20.

■ Children's Social Skills and Manners workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202. n Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Woman's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. 531-7551.

■ Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

■ El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. 215-4371.

■ The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Ex-

perienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821. Classes

## Community

■ The Cal Sailing Club offers free sailboat rides on San Francisco Bay, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 2 and Dec. 14, at the Cal Sailing Club, located at the Berkeley Marina, near the bottom of University Avenue next to Adventure Playground. Bring warm, waterproof clothes — you may get wet. 510-287-5905, or visit [www.cal-sailing.org](http://www.cal-sailing.org).

■ The Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., presents the exhibit "Brought to Light: The Storied Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum" through April 25. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Jewish and federal holidays. Admission is free. 510-549-6950.

■ Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. 845-1226 or e-mail [bnc@netvalue.net](mailto:bnc@netvalue.net).

■ Berkeley Camera Club meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 meets Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. For an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in design and education. Call 848-6370.

■ Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film

Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design graduate students on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. 642-0808.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 — the child-care room — parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-5231.

■ Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ "Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

## Exhibits

■ John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., presents the MFA Graduate Exhibition of artist Eleni Rivers entitled "Heaven & Earth" from Nov. 3 to 13. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 510-649-0499.

■ The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., presents an exhibit of 60 postrevolutionary Cuban posters from the Cuban Film Institute, OSPAAAL, and Editora Politica with examples of work by Bay Area artists. Gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Curators Talk and Book Signing, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8. Artist Forum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. Free admission, donations accepted. 510-644-6893 or visit [www.berkeleyartcenter.org](http://www.berkeleyartcenter.org).

■ The exhibit Early Women of Berkeley (1878-1953) and their organizations runs through March 27. The exhibit, cu-



GRUPO ANDANZA presents the world premiere of "Antologia," an evening of Spanish opera and dance on Sunday Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. San Francisco-based Grupo Andanza is currently the only company on the West Coast presenting Spanish repertoire little-known to the North American public to preserve and promote Spanish music and dance and to broaden audience awareness on the variety and beauty of the Spanish arts. "Antologia" features tenor Claudio Santome, sopranos Mimi Ruiz, and Whismaya dancers La Mora and La Cochu, along with a cast of 15 musicians and dancers. There will be one show only. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$18 students (ID required) and seniors. Order by 925-798-1300 or visit [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

rated by the College Women's Club/Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Berkeley Historical Society, celebrates how women shaped Berkeley's history, working alone and through their clubs. A women's history lecture series is also planned. Exhibit open is Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2-5 p.m. at the Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St. Details: 848-0181. Admission free.

## Film/dance/stage

■ Cal Performances presents Lin Hwai-min's 21-member modern dance ensemble Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of

Taiwan performing its internationally acclaimed production "Moon Water" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in UC Berkeley, Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way at Telegraph. Tickets: \$26, \$36, and \$46. Call 510-642-9988 to charge by phone. Tickets may also be purchased at [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu) and at the door.

■ Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, continues its musical production "Forever Plaid" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through

Nov. 29. Celebrate the delightful tradition of The Plaids, a guy group involved in an accident while on their way to its first real gig. Tickets: \$20, \$16 and under. No performances Oct. 14-16. Reservations: 510-524-8100. ■ Shotgun Players presents "Theater Principle," Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. The production takes place through Oct. 8th Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St.

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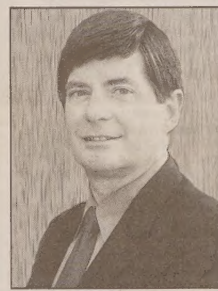
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**Poets Utah Phillips, Paul Foreman**  
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ciety presents its annual Meeting and  
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**Box Set duo and Gypsy Soul** per-  
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den, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley.  
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## Nightmare on your street

THE OTHER DAY I got immersed in an issue of the movie magazine Premiere, after I'd powered through, you know, the latest Utne Reader and Co-evolution Quarterly.

I stumbled on an article in which Ken Kirzinger, the guy who plays Jason Voorhees in the slash-'em-up pas de deux "Freddy vs. Jason," makes his picks for the Top 10 greatest horror films of all time.

I won't leave you dangling. They are:

10. "The Sixth Sense"



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9. "Sleepy Hollow"
8. "Alien"
7. "The Abominable Dr. Phibes"
6. "Creature from the Black Lagoon"
5. "An American Werewolf

in London"

4. "The Fly" (1958 version)
3. "A Nightmare on Elm Street"
2. "Jaws."

And his #1 greatest horror movie of all time ... "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre."

Robert Englund plays Freddy Krueger, Jason's worthy opponent in "Freddy vs. Jason." (If, like me, you have trouble keeping your cinematic mass murderers straight, Freddy is the one who needs to get over to Solano Avenue immediately for a manicure.)

In the same article, Englund is asked to name the perfect horror movie and I thought he drove a stake right into the

heart of the matter when he picked "Rosemary's Baby," an excellent thriller for any day of the year, really, with the possible exception of Easter Sunday.

In this one, Mia Farrow plays a young wife who wants to get pregnant in the worst way, and does. Subsequently, she goes through the C-section from Hell, thereby topping every delivery room story you've ever told your book group. In case you haven't seen the movie, I won't give away who the father is, but let's just say he's not the leader of your son's Boy Scout troop — at least not that I know of.

Maybe you've had the squirmy experience of gazing at

a friend's (or worse, your sister's) newborn, thinking that the precious bundle actually looks a little like your Halloween pumpkin on about Nov. 17, and groping for something sunny to say.

Imagine your predicament if the baby were Rosemary's. I suppose you could always fall back on, "He has his father's eyes," which is, in fact, what one of the adoring warlocks says at the end of the movie as everyone stands around the fashionably black-draped cradle at the big birthday party, swirling the olives in their vodka martinis.

I think "Rosemary's Baby" is one of director Roman Polanski's best, so thumbs (or pick the severed appendage of your choice) up from me on that choice.

To find out what the rest of Albany thinks, I walked up Solano to the town meeting hall, sometimes erroneously called Five Star Video. I found Mike behind the counter, and I asked him to name the biggest Halloween attractions in the shop. "Well, the original 'Hal-

loween' is number one," he replied. "And the other that's always checked out a time of year is 'The Ex.' I asked him to name the movie he'd ever seen, and he knows his flicks, so I was ears, and happy that he attached.

"Texas Chain Saw Massacre," he replied. "That has the wrong idea about the movie. Very little blood."

True, and a nice mix of manly chainsaws, but to the urban lumberjack, us.

So, our Halloweeners are worthy frights. But I was amazed that I skipped over what is to most guys I know an alarming horror movie time — "The English Patient." The thought of having through that baby again of the scariest things I

Robert Menzimer is a movie fan living in Albany. Reach him at lifemovie@bell.net.

## El Cerrito Garden Club plans a show 'For All Seasons'

THE EL CERRITO Garden Club's garden show and fund-raising event is an annual delight. This year's will be held on Thursday, Nov. 13, and its theme is "For All Seasons."

It's not just for flower-lovers, but also for anyone interested in the things the Garden Club supports: civic beautification, education and the environment.

Club president Mae Ritz told me the group was started in 1952 by Seaview Drive residents who called themselves the Seaview Spaders. As it grew, the name was changed to the El Cerrito Garden Club and membership was opened to anyone interested in gardening.

She and Marilynne Mellander, the club's publicity chairwoman, noted that the show's floral design program will feature presentations by Mary Crowell and Shane Looper of Peninsula business Furry Designers, and the Bay Area Arrangers Guild, a popular organization that meets in the Marin Art and Garden Center. Crowell and Looper, they report, are talented arrangers and teachers of that art.

Marilynne and Mae said that even people who do not have gardens like to come and hear



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### IF YOU GO

**WHO:** El Cerrito Garden Club  
**WHAT:** For All Seasons garden show and fund-raiser  
**WHERE:** El Cerrito Community Center, at 7007 Mooser Lane  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 13, from 9:30 a.m. to about noon  
**INFORMATION:** 510-234-0135 or 510-223-0443.

the speakers, and browse the monthly plant table, which feature member-grown plants for sale at very low prices. They also enjoy the study groups that meet in members' homes, such as the succulent group and the flower arranging group.

Club members also make table arrangements for community functions, and work on city beautification. They sponsor the

Sundar Shadi Garden Contest, named for the man who for years maintained a glorious garden and Christmas display on the grounds of his Arlington Boulevard home.

They also plant trees on Arbor Day in the El Cerrito Foundation's Memorial Grove ("We always need volunteers for this"), and one of their sayings is "all the dirt that's fit to dig."

The group also gives a scholarship every year. Last year it extended aid to help disabled young people going to Contra Costa College get used to working with plants, and help them to be independent. This is part of the Contra Costa College's Transitional Program.

I asked about their interest in gardens. Marilynne says her specialty is rhododendrons, which she keeps in pots on her deck so gophers can't get to them. When she retired she wanted to meet new people, heard about the club and joined.

"I have always been interested in plants and flowers," she says. "I love working in the dirt. It is so therapeutic."

Mae Ritz, a recent subject of this column, talked of looking for plants resistant to deer. She, too,

has long been interested in gardens and plants, and loves indoor plants such as gesneriads, African violets, and so on.

"The Garden Club has 108 members," from all over the East Bay: Kensington, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Richmond, Marin, Pinole and El Sobrante, they told me. "You just have to like to be in the garden."

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? Write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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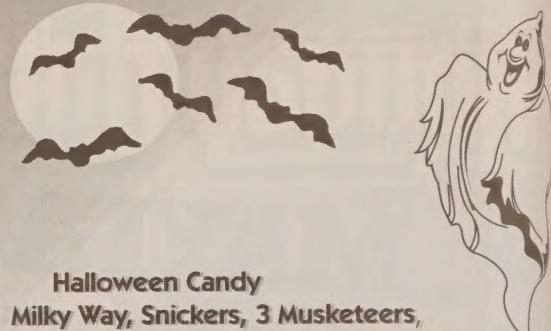
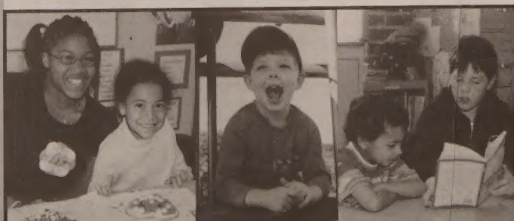
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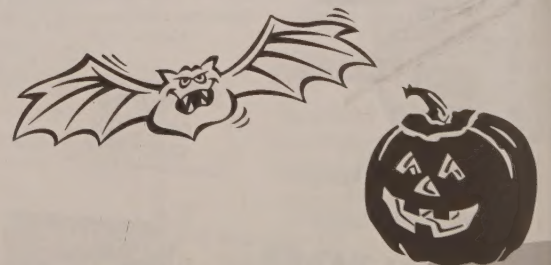
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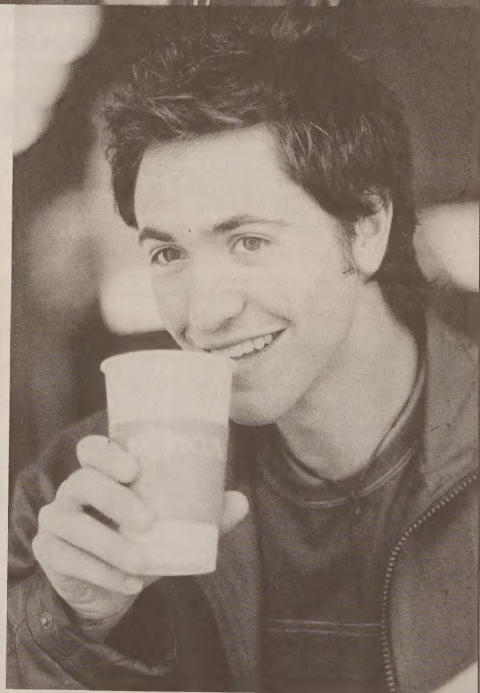
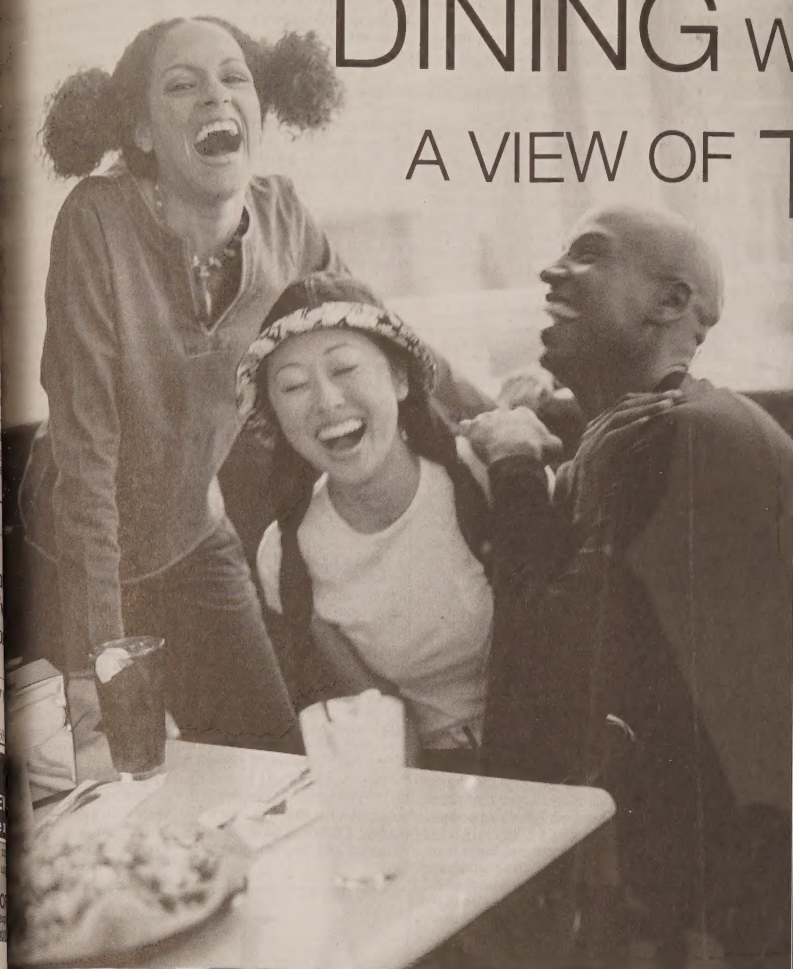
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DELILAH CHAN escorts her daughter, third-grader Chelsea Chan, through a tunnel walkway that serves as a safe entrance from Fairmount Avenue past construction work to Harding School.

Rebuild

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There was a community meeting in October to address neighborhood concerns, Crespan added, but only two people showed up.

At Madera, principal Gail Smith said the school was coping, despite changes in traffic patterns and loss of play area for students.

"I just think everybody is coping very well with the changes including the children," said Madera principal Gail Smith. "Some wrinkles need to be ironed out, but that's happening."

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Firefighters join battle down south

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

Nine firefighters from the El Cerrito and Albany fire departments have joined firefighters from around the state to battle the Southern California blazes.

From El Cerrito, Capt. Larry Carr, Capt. Marvin Mears, engineer Rune Hoyer-Nielsen, firefighter David Garrett and Capt. Hugh Henderson have been sent.

Albany has sent Capt. Dustyn Wiggins, paramedic engineer Chris Sillers, paramedic firefighter Brett Schlueter and Lt. Brad Windling.

"They are actively fighting fire now," said El Cerrito fire battalion chief John Dougery earlier this week. "They do reportedly call in with updates."

Each group has been sent with one fire engine to form "strike teams" with four similar groups. The El Cerrito firefighters are fighting the Grand Prix blaze in San Bernardino County. The Albany firefighters are fighting the Cedar fire in San Diego County.

"I think that's the one that has seen the most action," Albany fire Capt. Jay Jorgensen said of the Cedar fire. "They're in a strike team seeing the worst of it."

The firefighters traveled to Southern California late last week. Capt. Henderson left as a communication link in San Bernardino said.

Jorgensen said he and Albany firefighters will be there this weekend, with firefighters called by the California Office of Emergency Services and the Department of Fire Protection.

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Scores

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Costa's districtwide API still ranks in the bottom quarter of the state's 1,025 school districts.

But West Contra Costa's scores are improving, largely because the lowest-performing students are moving from the "far below basic" level to "below basic," Hagen said.

West Contra Costa's focus on bridging the achievement gap also can be seen in its 24 lowest-performing schools, all but two of which hit their targets.

West Contra Costa now has just one school with an API ranking in the bottom 100 schools of the state; last year there were four.

"It's extremely encouraging," Superintendent Gloria Johnston said in a statement. "It validates the work that our teachers are doing in the classroom, and the work that our principals and school and district staffs are doing to support them."

Chavez Elementary was among the schools showing significant improvement. The Richmond campus had the district's second-highest API gain, moving 79 points to an API of 612.

"Our school is one of the best in the district," Chavez Principal Marjorie Chavez said. "At the same time, we have students who are performing, so it's a challenge. (The scores) are a reflection of the strategies we've implemented the school-wide and we are having an impact."

Back at Verde, Benson offered a similar assessment. "We surprised a lot of people," she said. "It took a lot of effort, a lot of hard work, but we have a lot more hard work to do."

Town hall

FROM PAGE A1

Formed in 1921, the Kensington Improvement Club is said to be the oldest civic organization in Kensington. Its 15 board members represent about 700 club members, Lipscomb said.

The club's current focus is on improving Kensington landscaping, though it has also worked on emergency preparedness, road repairs and more, said club president Gloria Morrison.

"We view (the town hall meeting) as our report to the community, but the focus is changed from year to year," Morrison said. "This year, because we were able to get Ellen Tauscher, it will have national or international flair."

Morrison added that the club had asked Tauscher to attend last year's town hall meeting, but she was unable to make it. "This time we got her. We're really pleased."

Tauscher is serving her fourth term representing California's 10th congressional district, which includes Contra Costa, Solano, Alameda and Sacramento counties.

Also giving presentations at the meeting will be Contra Costa County Supervisor John T. Tassan, West Contra Costa County board member Glen P. Garfield, Kensington community district manager, community district president, McLaughlin, and Kensington Protection District president Scott or a representative.

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Section B

## Spooky: Pat and Anet's annual Halloween story

number 380 in a series of true estate experiences

Halloween time, spooky strange things happen in real estate all year long, some of them spooky.

the one about the seller instantly admitted to us that the house was haunted. After worried that the buyer back out of the sale, that a house with a ghost would But the buyer liked the fact in fact that she vastly preferred a house with a ghost than without.

problem? Six months after the house closed, the buyer complained that she'd been cheated. She had made itself known to the seller that the seller tell her to lure the spirit out into the yard. Too bad, the seller did not know how.

we went to see a house the owner needed help pricing and wanted to know she should go in fixing it up.

the street level of the vacant lot on a fairly steep down slope, we found a derelict garage, caved in, rotted windows, missing, an incomplete job, and the need for cleaning. But these paled in com-

parison to the shock we got when we saw the underside of the house.

No interior stairs connected the upper portion of the house to a large room on the third level down. We got there by means of a wobbly staircase and precarious path through the garden. Everything looked disheveled but normal when we first entered the room.

Then our unbelieving eyes saw a tunnel cut through the foundation and the earth under the house. This tunnel was large enough for a wagon and team of horses to be driven through.

It was a few moments before we could gather our wits and ask the obvious question: "What happened here?" As the reality of what we were looking at sunk in, we rushed to exit the house to the safety of the yard, then spent an hour listening to the owner's story.

The owner's daughter and her husband who had lived in the house had devised a plan to build a stairwell to connect the lower room to the upper living levels. Unfortunately, a lot of dirt and concrete were in the way of the proposed stair site.

They charged ahead anyway and, over a period of years, managed to remove and dispose of huge portions of the house underpinnings.



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We told the owner to quit worrying over interior paint, but instead to quickly consult a structural engineer.

Then there's the mercury-in-the-house story. It wasn't our sale, so the facts may be wrong, but what we heard is that before he died, a mad professor type conducted experiments of some kind in his house. Mercury was involved.

The house was stuffed with stuff which the heirs had removed to the dump. Apparently there was a way for the dump people to know that mercury was included in the trash from this house.

The heirs were charged \$30,000 to clear up the dump and another \$30,000 to rid the house of mercury remains. Even then, they had to disclose to potential buyers that there were remnants of mercury in the house.

See TARPOFF, Page B3

Adosh presents free homebuying seminar tomorrow

Author, educator, legal mediator, expert witness and broker Lois Kadosh will host and preside over a free seminar tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Berkeley Association of Realtors (BAR) auditorium at 1553 Martin Luther King Jr. Way at Cedar Street, in Berkeley.

"Thinking of buying a home? What you should know before you buy" should interest anyone thinking of buying a home but still has some questions about the myriad players and diverse responsibilities.

Kadosh, known for her light-hearted and direct teaching style,

will join a panel of related professionals, to help clear up misconceptions and provide details to demystify the homebuying process.

"This is a very good time to buy a home," Kadosh said. "Inventory is high, which can keep the prices down, and interest rates are still relatively low. With the proper information, a buyer can take much of the anxiety out of the process and more easily achieve their desired results while in the market for a home."

To reserve your seat, call Daniel Duart at 510-528-3400.

### Real Estate Spotlight:

## Art Deco home in Oakland built in 1926



**THIS 1926 ART DECO HOME** at 591 Valle Vista, Oakland, features many elements of a classic Mediterranean home. Situated up and away from the street, you cannot ignore the commanding presence this large family home. The exterior design has many variations in the elevation. The large Palladian window and the Monterey Colonial-style veranda are just two of the features you notice when you arrive. As you approach the front door you discover a large terrace, perfect for sunning. Upon entering the house the large and open floor plan offers many rooms, including a large living room with barrel vaulted ceilings and fireplace; or the dining room filled with light. This home has many of the original 20's deco lighting fixtures with frosted glass slipper shades that cast a truly wonderful soft glow.

The main floor also has a breakfast room, full bath with deco tile, laundry room, kitchen, and the first of four bedrooms. There is also a staircase that descends to a large bonus room with its own private entrance, as well as a basement workshop. The second floor of the home has three bedrooms and two full baths that also showcase the original art deco tile. A large and romantic master suite is filled with morning light and shaded in the afternoon by the covered veranda.

Price: \$679,000. Open home Sunday, Nov. 2, 1 - 4 p.m.  
Listing agent: Heather Sittig, Maison Nouveau Realty, 510-849-9900, [www.maisonnouveau.com](http://www.maisonnouveau.com)

## Homeowner's insurance basics

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Protecting your investment is what homeowners insurance and other insurance policies are all about. Coverage varies widely as do costs. Take time to shop rates and terms. Being over-insured can be as costly as being under-insured.

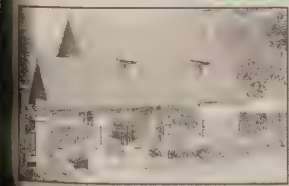
While most lenders will require you to take out homeowners, or hazard, insurance before they approve your loan, you should be thinking anyway

about how to protect the home you've just purchased. Most buyers get a comprehensive homeowners insurance policy, which provides coverage for fire damage, water damage (not by flooding, which is covered by federal flood insurance), personal possessions, personal liability, vandalism, theft and loss of use of the house.

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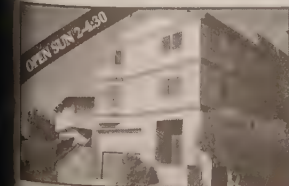
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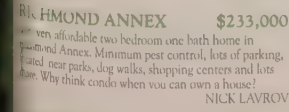
**LAKE MERRITT** \$849,000  
One of the best condos in Oakland's landmark high-rise. Located on the 14th floor high above Lake Merritt, this special property has panoramic views into five counties. The many amenities include quality lighting fixtures, a custom wood-burning fireplace, a master bedroom retreat with home office and solarium. Shown by appointment.

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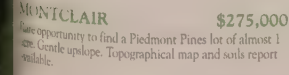
**LAKE MERRITT** \$425,000  
This two bedroom, two bath condo has sweeping views of Lake Merritt and the park. Many amenities abound include wood-burning fireplace, formal dining room, a master bedroom retreat and an in-unit laundry. Included are 24-hour doorman and valet services.

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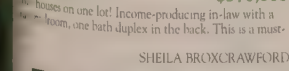
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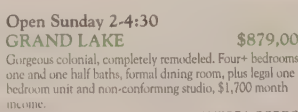
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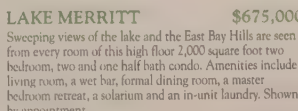
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## Insurance

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### Guaranteed vs. straight replacement cost

The Cadillac of insurance policies is guaranteed replacement cost coverage, which will pay to rebuild your home even if the cost to rebuild exceeds your policy limit. This kind of coverage costs anywhere from \$400 too well in excess of \$1,000 a year, depending on the area and the price of the home. But even if you can afford it, it is not available everywhere or for every property — older homes, for example.

Some big insurance companies also have started limiting the amount they will pay on a claim to

In addition to regular homeowners insurance, you may require special coverage for such hazards as earthquakes and floods. While California is targeted for earthquake coverage, at least 16 other states are considered at risk for quakes.

120 percent of the policy's face value.

Straight replacement cost coverage, or cash value coverage, is a cheaper and more limited option (costing about 25 percent less per year than guaranteed replacement coverage). It will pay to rebuild your house if it's destroyed, but coverage is limited to the policy amount. Make certain you're insured for enough to rebuild.

In addition to regular homeowners insurance, you may require special coverage for such hazards as earthquakes and floods. While California is targeted for earthquake coverage, at least 16 other states are considered at risk for quakes: Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Earthquake coverage can be costly (\$2 to \$15 per every \$1,000 of coverage), but you should consider it if you live near a fault or your home is more than 50 years old, built on a slope, a landfill or a flood plain.

If you live in a flood-prone area, you may need flood insurance, too, because water damage from dams and waterways is not included in standard homeowners policies. Available through the federal National Flood Insurance Program, an average policy runs about \$300 a year.

Insurance representatives must have certain information about you and the property before they can tell you if they will write a policy and how much it will cost.

They'll want to know your Social Security number, the age and location of the home you want to buy, proximity of fire stations, and the age and condition of the plumbing and electrical systems. The insurance company will also want to make sure that you're a good risk. If you've previously filed claims, or you're frequently late paying your bills, you may be denied coverage.

### Don't wait to shop

Many buyers put off buying insurance until the last minute. This can cost you in time and money. Start shopping for insurance as soon as you sign the purchase contract. Otherwise you could be caught short if the insurance carrier you have in mind refuses to insure your home. Some insurance carriers, for example, won't insure homes that are built on slopes or have shake roofs or antiquated electrical systems.

# Take a look at your portfolio: It may be time for a little fall cleaning

Despite the recent gains in the market over the past few months, many investors are still holding on to stocks that have not fully recovered. As a result, this may be a good time to put emotions aside and evaluate your portfolio holdings to determine what action — if any — you should be take to position your investments for the future.

And while it is tough for any investor to sell a stock at a loss, there are actually some benefits you can realize from doing so. Let's look at a few tips on how you can make the most of any losses incurred in your portfolio.

As you evaluate your holdings, take a good look at how each of your stocks has done since you bought it. Consider each stock's prospects for the future, along with the company's financial information. You can also take into ac-

count what the media is saying about a company and maybe even ask for a research report to see how analysts think the stock will perform in the coming months.

After you have taken a good look at your holdings, you should create a plan with guidelines that take into account how each company is valued now versus when you bought it and how it is expected to perform over the next year. Stick with your guidelines for each company and sell those stocks that do not measure up.

Now that you have decided what companies to sell, you are probably still wondering what the benefit of selling them at a loss will be.

The answer will come when you file your taxes. When you sell a stock at a loss you have the opportunity to offset any gains.

When cleaning up your portfolio, it is important to remember some of the key principles of investing, primarily diversification. A properly balanced portfolio should include a number of different investments in a range of sectors

For example, if you incurred \$2,500 in losses from the sale of your stock and sold another stock for a \$4,000 gain, you offset the gain with the loss, thus reducing your tax bill. In the example above, you would only have to pay taxes on \$1,500 of the gain, instead of the full \$4,000.

In addition, you can use up to \$3,000 in losses to reduce your taxable income in a single year, and you can carry forward any further capital losses to offset fu-

ture capital gains and/or income. Simply put, selling at a loss may reduce your overall tax bill.

Hopefully, you're feeling a bit better now about selling some of your stocks that have not performed as well as you expected them to, but do not stop there. Now you have the opportunity to rebuild — or at least add to — your portfolio so you can better position your investments to take advantage of improving market conditions.



LEILA GOUGH  
Money Manager

When cleaning up your portfolio, it is important to remember some of the key principles of investing, primarily diversification. A properly balanced portfolio should include a number of different investments in a range of sectors allowing you to minimize risk. Also remember to consult with your advisor and check in with your consultant at least once a year to make sure you are on the right path to achieving your goals.

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## 'Open house' has been fine-tuned as an effective real estate tool

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

It was conceived in the late 1970s to jump-start a residential real estate market battered by a weak economy and double-digit fixed mortgage rates.

It proved its worth during the glory days of the mid-1980s, when it provided the most exposure - and the quickest turnover - for houses in both city and suburb.

And, as with all marketing tools, the open house has undergone some alterations over the years. These days, some agents and brokers use open houses only as a last resort, or as a way of breathing life into a slow-moving property — one for which the price has been reduced, for example.

"If anything, the hours for open houses are shorter," said Joanne Davidson, a broker and manager of Prudential Fox & Roach's Rittenhouse Square office in Philadelphia.

"By limiting the hours, you get the serious buyers instead of people just out for a Sunday stroll. We've come to realize that the same number of people will come to an open house in an hour as would in three hours," said Davidson, who has been selling real estate for 25 years.

"If a buyer can't make the open house, he or she will make an appointment."

Other than getting an agreement of sale, which most agents say is quite rare, how do you define a successful open house?

"To consider an open house successful, six to eight people will have to pass through the front door during that hour," said Mike McCann, who sells real estate with Prudential Fox & Roach's Center City office.

"We recently had 28 people show up at an open house on Spruce Street. That was unbelievable. While having to work a seventh day knocks the wind out of an agent, open houses have become essential in most property sales."

Noelle Barbone, manager of the Weichert Realtors' office in Paoli, Pa., said sellers who did not want open houses would be better off with them.

"Instead of having to get the house ready night after night for appointments, the seller would just have to do it one day a week," she said.

The strong real estate market tends to rule out open houses, because many properties get scooped up as soon as they hit the Multiple Listing Service.

"I encourage my agents to hold open houses even if there already is an agreement of sale," Barbone said. That isn't an attempt to circumvent the sales contract in search of more money, she said, but is done with the realization that agreements are "vulnerable to home inspections, so as much exposure as possible is a good thing."

Virtual-reality tours of residential real estate on the Internet have fine-tuned the open house as a marketing tool, rather than replaced it.

Data collected in 2003 by the National Association of Realtors show that 72 percent of 3,000 recent buyers responding to an NAR survey drove by or viewed a house for sale as a result of an Internet search.

Forty-six percent walked through a house visited online, the data show.

Seventy-eight percent found photos of the houses they saw listed on the Internet "very useful," while 46 percent said the same thing about virtual tours.

Only 15 percent did not use virtual tours at all.

If the data are to be believed, the Internet has increased the median amount of time buyers spend looking for houses and the number they look at.

Internet searchers spend eight weeks looking at 12 homes. Nonusers spend five weeks looking at only seven.

"Virtual tours have taken over," said John Duffy, owner of Duffy Real Estate in Narberth, Pa., and Wayne, Pa. "Their use, especially by people 50 years and older, have far surpassed the open house in use as a marketing tool. I once thought that only young people were computer-savvy. But I was wrong."

The virtual tours are offered to all clients and cost \$80 a listing, he said.

There can be drawbacks, though.

"A lot of interiors don't show up that well," Duffy said, "even though improvements are being made every day."

Barbone agreed. "Everything always looks prettier in person."

Consumers are not basing purchasing decisions on what they see on their computer screens. Rather, they are using the tours to limit what they are willing to look at in person.

In fact, the NAR survey showed 52 percent of all Internet users visited open houses, while only 38 percent did not.

That is a good thing and a bad thing, many real estate agents agree.

"A house is more than how it looks, but how it feels," Barbone said. "And looking at something on a computer screen doesn't tell the entire story, so a buyer may be ruling out a house that may be the one they should be buying."

Ruling something out before seeing it is a major reason Duffy continues on the open-house route.

"When the location of a house makes it sound as if it is on a busy street, buyers' agents won't recommend looking at it to their clients," he said. "The open house allows these buyers to see it for themselves, and then pass that information on to their agents."

### Who shows up

Future sellers who are looking to see how an agent presents the property for sale and the kinds of things that are selling these days.

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## How do you know a home has value?

BY DEBRA BERNARD  
BERNARD MARKET NG ASSOCIATES

All builders claim their homes have it. All buyers want it, but when it comes down to the nitty gritty, it's not so easy to agree to what "it" really is. Broadly defined, "it" is value, but what does value mean to today's home buyer?

The definition of value changes from buyer to buyer. One person's dream home is another's "no big deal." Given these differences, I recommend that buyers look at two types of value when choosing a new home — the "hard value" and the "soft value."

Hard value is investment value — the home's capacity to keep its value and offer a return on your investment over time. Soft value is the value to you and your family — the home's ability to meet your needs all of the time you plan to live there.

Most buyers want a combination of the two types of value. They want to enjoy living in their home, and also be able to sell it for a good price when they leave.

Following are ideas for determining whether you're considering a value you seek for your home.

Look for the basics. Area home prices fluctuate. Many home shoppers are looking for the "meat and potatoes" approach. People are looking for what they can count on: rooms, square footage — and not paying for bells and whistles.

Using the tried-and-true approach, many are making their first priority with traditional floor plans: conventional home types, four bedrooms, one-half baths, one or two fireplaces, a living room, dining room, a kitchen with a nook, and a laundry room. Another good test of value is comparing price per square foot of recent homes you're considering. If you want the extra, the swimming pool, the spa, the sauna, the nontraditional, then by all means have

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# Taking your real estate VOWs

The Internet continues to change the practice of real estate. While not fully comprehended by buyers, sellers and agents in the real estate business, the current hot topic is called "Virtual VOWs," an acronym for "Virtual VOWs on Web sites."

A VOW is a real estate broker's Web site that allows consumers to search Multiple Listing Service (MLS) active listings without interaction with the broker or licensee. Although the convenience and anonymity may seem appealing, VOWs have some features that could commit you to a real estate agent you may not want.

Before you make a serious offer, take the time to learn how to avoid the pitfalls of online real estate. VOWs can only be used in the context of what is posted there.

**Multiple Listing Service:** In some areas of the country, real estate licensees cooperate with each other by placing their listings on the MLS. This database of properties is an indispensable resource for agents and their clients. However, the popularity of the Internet, Realtors tightly controlled this resource; it was not available to the public.

The Internet matured and real estate became an important online phenomenon, programs were developed to enable MLS members to incorporate a listing engine into their Web site. Today, anyone with a computer and an Internet Service Provider (ISP) can quickly search listings anywhere in the world and Canada.

**Internet Data Exchange** In mid-2000, the National

Association of Realtors (NAR) developed rules for MLS participants who wished to display active listings online. These regulations were then adopted by state Realtor organizations, including the California Association of Realtors (CAR). By January 1, 2002, each local MLS had created its own guidelines for users based on the NAR and state model rules.

The point of the policy is to create fairness and uniformity in how listings are displayed. It is also intended to minimize abuse of the system.

For example, it is mandatory that both the listing office and the listing agent's name be displayed near the listing information. This prevents someone viewing the site from being misled that the agent or broker who has created an IDX site personally has all those listings and is the only one who can be contacted about them.

There are other stipulations limiting use of the information for consumers to "personal, non-commercial use" and specifying a maximum number of listings that can be downloaded per search. For Internet-empowered buyers and sellers, the ease of online IDX searches has been highly desirable and the Realtor policy regarding its use has been invisible.

**VOWs:** Many in the industry feel that VOWs were created by individuals, not bound by the Realtor Code of Ethics, who were looking to do an "end-run" around the system. Those who wanted to use the MLS data, but not play by the rules, said their Web sites were different



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from IDXs. They claimed their site was a "virtual office," i.e., an online real estate brokerage, and, as such, it was not subject to IDX policies. In response, new NAR and CAR VOW guidelines were created this year. Local MLSs must incorporate these VOW rules by January 1, 2004.

Although they may look similar online, the basic difference between an IDX and VOW is that IDX is considered an "advertising" site, whereas a VOW is where "consumers receive real estate brokerage services, including the opportunity to search for MLS data."

Perhaps you look at this and say, "It does not matter to me, as long as I can get the information I want." You should care.

An unknown, but presumably large, number of VOW sites have been established for the sole purpose of creating lists of potential buyers and sellers and then selling those names to legitimate brokers for a referral fee. New VOW rules prohibit this.

Interestingly, now IDXs have some loopholes that can be exploited until IDX rules are made more consistent with those for VOWs. The one most significant

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After inspections of another house bees were found in every wall. Bee experts were called who said that the bees were the warmth provided by the order to remove the bees. The bees had to be torn down, but they had a happy ending. The house of honeycomb that hung the studs were left with the bees bottled it and gave it to as Christmas gifts.

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to you may be that, currently, IDXs do not have the same stringent prohibition of selling names for referral fees as do VOWs.

Do not agree blindly. VOW sites require you to agree to "Terms of Use." In order to access MLS listings on a VOW, per CAR rules, you will need to "acknowledge entering into a consumer-broker relationship" with the company running that site.

This may mean you will agree to an agency relationship. (See my previous article, *Understanding Agency*, on my Web site.)

On another part of the Web site, you might be asked to accept a Buyer-Broker Agreement, or some other condition that could obligate you to paying this invisible, cyberspace entity. You may be required to submit confidential information about yourself. Before doing so, make sure the site has a privacy policy you find acceptable.

**Virtual real estate?** Buying or selling real property is not a make-believe or virtual experience. Unless you have virtual dollars you do not mind losing, you need to be clear on what to know

before buying or selling. You will want a virtuous Realtor, but what does it mean to choose a virtual one?

Realtors serve a vital function. Only about one third of all real estate licensees in California are Realtors, members of NAR, CAR and a local Realtor association.

First and foremost, Realtors are pledged, by the Realtor Code of Ethics, to represent your best interests. Why would you ever agree to an agency relationship with someone you do not know, have never met and may not be a Realtor?

Experienced, local Realtors know the territory and can help explain neighborhoods, problems to avoid and property values. Cyberbrokers, even if you meet them in person, tend to cover a large area, which means they may not specialize where you want to buy or sell. Working with someone who lacks in-depth knowledge is risky. (See my previous article, *Use Local Agent*, on my Web site.)

**Final thoughts:** Buying and selling real estate in the Bay Area is complicated and expensive. Whichever side of the sale you are on, you need an agent who is professional, competent and caring. Although there are many high

quality individuals in the business, those who do not fit this criteria could be dangerous to your financial and emotional health. (See my previous article, *Seven Sins of Selling & Buying*, on my Web site.)

Do not be lulled into complacency about the process by the simplicity with which you can locate real estate information online. Your ability to find listings does not make you an expert on the ins and outs of home buying and selling.

Be careful what information you give about yourself. Do not commit to an unknown company or agent. Keep in mind that the promise of "saving" you hundreds or thousands of dollars may actually cost you many times that amount if you work with the wrong people. The only way you take should be to be responsible to yourself and make choices based on sufficient data and facts.

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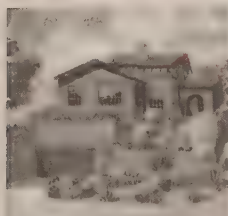
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## BAR CHECK

The Board of Directors of the Berkeley Association of Realtors recently chose a recipient for a monetary grant. The grant was issued from the association's newly named BAR Community Fund (previously called the Homeless Fund). BAR President **Joan Brunswick** and ACE **Terry Murphy** presented a check for \$5,000 to the Women's Day-time Drop-In Center in Berkeley. Board members of the Center were surprised at the Berkeley Realtors generosity and expressed sincere appreciation. BAR members are encouraged to continue to invest in the fund on a regular basis. All contributions are welcome, for more information call 510-848-4288.

## EXCHANGE

Attend the 1031 Tax Deferred Exchange Seminar, Friday, Nov. 7, 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. North American Title and North American Exchange present the class. Attorney **Lloyd Kendall** offers new procedures regarding reverse exchanges. Learn about property types, identification, completion and rules. Earn three DRE credit hours. For tuition information call **Ingrid Westgard** at 510-339-2380.

## SECRETS

Are you or your assistant looking for more efficient escrow coordination systems? Announcing the "Escrow Coordination Secrets" Seminar. Whether you're a new or experienced agent, assistant or transaction coordinator you'll learn valuable timesaving tips. Learn to improve team relations and manage escrows. Author **Diana Turnbloom** teaches this three-hour power-packed course. The Oakland Association of Realtors hosts this class from 9 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5. Tuition and registration information is available at 510-836-3000.

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## NAR EXPO

There is no excuse not to attend the National Association of Realtors Conference and Expo being held Nov. 7 to 10. San Francisco is the location so be there for one day or the whole affair. Check out both events at [realtor.org](http://realtor.org).

## OVERNIGHT DISCOUNTS

FedEx has joined the REALTOR VIP Alliance Program as a premier partner of the National Association of Realtors. Sizeable discounts with and cost savings is offered to members. One aspect of the program is an online benefit at [fedex.com](http://fedex.com), where a shipping address book can be stored and labels created. To learn more about the NAR and FedEx program visit [realtor.org/realtorVIP](http://realtor.org/realtorVIP).

## REALTOR UNIVERSITY

Education for real estate professionals doesn't stop when they receive their licenses. It is an ongoing process. The National Association of Realtors provides online education, with the Realtor University Online. It offers over 100 hours of real estate and professional development classes. RUO allows agents to learn what they want, where they want. Students can test-drive a course before registering. For available courses check out [realtoruniversity.org](http://realtoruniversity.org).

## WHO'S WHO?

He's still at the top. **Michael Hughey** of RE/Max Bay Area in Berkeley is lucky number 13 on the RE/Max of California & Hawaii Top 100 list. Say congrats at 510-526-1200.

## WHAT'S WHAT?

Someone new at your company? Something special at your company is doing? Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Let me know. I'd love to let the world know. All my contact info is listed below. Send an email to [bobbierid@mind-spring.com](mailto:bobbierid@mind-spring.com). Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191.

## Value

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but realize that the extra money you spend on these special features might not be returned to you when you sell.

Look at the home's value to your family, or "soft" value. Do a "needs assessment" for yourself and those who'll live with you. How many bedrooms, baths, and amenities do you need? What are your short- and long-term needs?

Don't make the mistake of buying a quart of milk when you really need a gallon. Short-term planning can cost you more money than buying the home you'll need in three years, today.

Examine the community. Location is still an important consideration in a home's value. Do your homework with the city planning department to learn what the surrounding area will look like five years from now. In five years, a seemingly barren neighborhood may be built out with all the amenities you desire. An established community may be going through changes as well. Look at the long-term plan before making a decision.

Resale or new homes — which is better? Again, there's no "right or wrong" answer here — each has its merits. New homes offer fresh beginnings. They meet the current energy, earthquake and other construction requirements, and often feature innovative styling, financing, and a warranty. Established communities generally offer maturity including established landscaping and developed neighborhoods.

If buying resale, be sure to hire a consultant to inspect the home for you. If buying a new home, the home builder is required to get many inspections. The city or county can provide a copy of the "final" inspection report on a new home you're considering.

What is the home like? The home doesn't need to be fancy, but it should be flexible and accommodate your living situation. Do you need a home that will house several generations? If lots of people will be living there, are sleeping areas separate from common areas?

Home sites on cul-de-sacs offer greater privacy and corner lots have double curb appeal and landscaping on two sides. Large lots offer privacy and space between neighbors. Sellers often charge more for these three premiums, and they are still holding their value.

What's most important to you? In today's market, value is often subjective. It's what you need. Families with children might take

any house as long as it's in a great school district. Commuters may pay more for a new home that's nearer their job. A home that's a work of art, with beautiful detailing and in interesting floor plan will find buyers willing to pay a premium for its uniqueness.

While there's no hard and fast rule for determining your home's value, if you're practical, look at your needs, and research what the home offers, you'll be well on your way to determining whether the home has the value you want.

**Walnut Creek based Bernard Marketing Associates provides sales, marketing and management consulting to builders, developers, banking and real estate related clients on the West Coast. The company offers a variety of services, including market feasibility studies.**

## Resources

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■ "Buying and Selling a Home" Kiplinger Books, 2002 (\$17.95) Insights on determining affordability, working with real estate agents and different property types.

■ "Buy a Home When You're Single" By Donna G. Albrecht John Wiley & Sons, 2001 (\$14.95)

Home-buying tips, options and insights when going it alone in the real estate market.

■ "Keys to Buying and Owning a Home," 3rd ed. By Jack P. Friedman Barron's, 2000 (\$7.95)

Useful handbook that covers broker selection, loan qualification taxes and more

"As agents, we hope that the neighbors will come in, like what they see, and tell their friends," McCann said

"Sometimes it happens, however, that a neighbor will come in and talk down the property."

As far as security is concerned "we tell people to put away things that might be broken or end up in visitors' pockets," Duffy said

Often, an agent expecting a lot of traffic at an open house will bring another agent or his or her personal assistant along to keep control of the situation

Agents are always looking for ways to put new zest into older methods

Frank McGuirk of Re/Max Gold in Media has a "parade of home buyers" who meet with him at a single location and travel from listing to listing in a particular area.

"It creates a sense of urgency among the buyers on the tour," he said. "They hear others talking about a particular house, and they get interested. I think it is an 'auction' effect, because it heightens interest in the same way bidding at an auction does."

## Open

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This, Davidow said, typically bears fruit a year later.

■ People who are thinking about buying a house but are not ready to commit to anything. Although they may sign in, they usually tour the house quickly and do not stay long.

■ Buyers who are sent by their agents. "We sell more houses to buyers sent by their agents than to buyers who come on their own and fall in love," McCann said.

Open houses also can be used to generate new interest in old listings.

"It is redundant to use open houses every week," McCann said. "But if a house has been on the market for a while, and there has been a price reduction, then an open house is in order."

Many sellers do not want open houses. There are security issues behind much of the opposition (they also surface in the case of virtual tours), but such sellers also fear scrutiny by their neighbors.

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# So, why isn't my home selling?

■ Savvy agents keep sellers informed of market conditions, pricing strategies

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Imagine this. When you listed your home for sale, your neighbors told you that you priced it too low. Even so, buyers aren't beating down your door to make an offer. What should you do?

First, take neighbor's opinions about the value of your home as a compliment, but nothing more. Homeowners in your area are eager to see higher property values. But, their price opinion may be nothing more than wishful thinking. What you need is a reality check.

One of the most difficult real estate principles for sellers to grasp is that market value is set by buyers, not by sellers. In fact,

the very definition of market value is the price a willing and able buyer will pay.

Sellers are usually the last to know current market trends. Buyers, generally, are much more in tune with local market conditions because they're actively engaged in the home-buying process. They see more of the inventory of homes for sale than do most sellers. They know what's selling and what's not. Sellers usually have to rely on their real estate agents to keep them informed.

**HOME SELLER TIP:** Make sure you receive market updates from your agent. If not, let your agent know that you expect to be kept informed about current market developments, at least on a weekly basis.

You'll want to know if there are new listings on the market that are competing for the same buyers that you are. How do these listings compare to yours, in

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terms of price, location, size and condition? How quickly are listings like yours selling? Have any competing listings sold recently? Did the buyers look at your listing? If so, why did they decide to buy something else?

Ask your agent to follow up with the agents who showed your home to get feedback. Resist the temptation to follow up with the agents yourself. This puts agents in an awkward position, and you're not likely to get the straight scoop. When confronted, most agents will tell you they like your home rather than risk offending you. Your agent is in a better position to elicit a candid response.

Don't be surprised if the feedback you receive is ambiguous. For example, you may hear that a buyer turned your house down because it had too many stairs or was on a busy street. Not because the price was too high. A savvy listing agent will help you read between the lines. If your home has an incurable defect—something you can't change—you need to discount the price so that buyers have an incentive to overlook the defect.

You may hear that your home was turned down because of cosmetic defects that can be

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House Hunting

# Bake the soil? What's a gardener to do?

**Question:** Is there a way to sterilize soil other than baking it in an oven?

When I recycle the old soil from containers, I first sift the soil and then store it in trashcans. I find that the weed seeds are not killed when stored for a year or so. Do you have a suggestion?

**Answer:** Storing soil in a dark location will suppress the weed seeds; however, when reintroduced to light and moisture, they do germinate. To effectively kill the weed seeds, soil insects and other soil pathogens, soil needs to be heated. Soil solarization is a simple non-chemical technique that captures radiant heat energy from the sun. A household oven isn't very practical. Commercial soil sterilization equipment is not cost effective for a home gardener. Soil sterilization is a sensible solution for large areas or small quantities of soil.

You can tarp areas off or place small amounts of soil in plastic bags. It should be pre-moistened and then sealed. The weeds seeds are killed as the temperature rises converting the moisture into steam. Depending on the quantity, it needs to be in the sun for four to eight weeks.

June through September is the primary period to sterilize soil using the sun. Once it's been sterilized and aired out, you can store it in trashcans indefinitely.

Another way to control weed seeds around desirable plants is with pre-emergent herbicides. There are liquid as well as granular products available at your favorite garden center. The nursery

professional can recommend a product that will work in your yard.

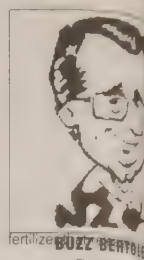
**Question:** This spring, I would like to plant tomatoes in containers. Can you give me some pointers, such as how big the containers have to be, when to plant, watering, fertilizing, etc.?

**Answer:** Tomatoes need a large container to grow in as they have an extensive root system. I'd plant them in a half of a wine barrel or any container of a similar size. Tomato plants like warm days and nights. I would look to plant them after the rainy season has concluded and we are in a definite warming trend. This should occur between April 15 and May 1.

Tomatoes will grow in any of the commercial potting soil or planting mixes but I would add oyster shell lime to help ending "blossom-end rot."

Next, install a spiral tomato stake in the center for the large growing varieties. The stake is added support for the center stalk, allows for good air circulation so the inside leaves don't turn brown and finally, when harvesting the tomatoes you are not fighting the wire cage. I would fertilize them with vegetable food every other month or with Osmocote at the time of planting and again in July.

Osmocote is a time-release



fertilize **BUZZ BERTOLERO**

nutrients with every watering can is a little extra. Need to be flexible with watering pattern because temperatures are not constant. The temperatures are 60-70 degrees water every four days. After 60 days, water every day and every day after that. You need to fill the can to the brim every time. Remove any saucers and want the water to flow to the bottom.

Next year, I would use the same soil and use the same soil as a primary way to allow the disease called wilt from being problematic. Old soil can be used for other plants.

Buzz Bertolero is Executive Vice President of Navier Centers. His Web address is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com). questions to [dirtgardener@navier.com](mailto:dirtgardener@navier.com) or write 360 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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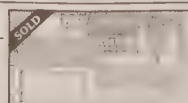
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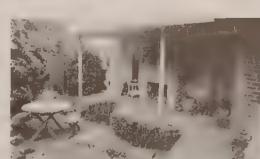
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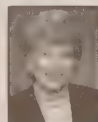
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A truly wonderful home. All level gardens of magnolias & oaks, accessible from the family room, kitchen & library. Spacious formal rooms, grand staircase, au-pair suite and rumpus room. 5BR/3.5BA. Jean Simmons



**110 SCENIC AVENUE** \$1,350,000  
New Price. Gracious Mediterranean. Terrific remodel keeping original architectural details. Spacious formal rooms. 5BR/3.5BA plus room for play or study. Views of SF, stream & ponds. Diane Verducci



**527 BLAIR AVENUE** \$1,149,000  
A handsome Monterey Colonial in great central location. Three large bedrooms, two new baths including master suite; a spacious formal living room, home office and great family room w/fireplace. Nancy Lehrkind

## BERKELEY - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30

**186 ALVARADO ROAD** \$1,550,000  
An elegant home (circa 1994) on 1/2 acre of landscaped grounds! 2BR/2.5BA, art studio or office, all on one level with level entry. Elevator to huge lower level. Adjacent lot is also available. A rare opportunity! Bebe McRae

**66 ALVARADO ROAD** \$1,495,000  
Stylish & sophisticated. 5BR/4BA renovated traditional. Updated kitchen. Large, private, level corner lot encompasses magical gardens and serene private patios. Minutes to Claremont Spa. Karen Starr



**160 GRAVATT DRIVE** \$1,395,000  
A fabulous home designed & built by Paul Vincent. Stunning views. 4BR/3.5BA, kitchen/family room opens level out to private front patio. 2-car attached garage. Quality finishes throughout. Karen Starr

**1046 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD** \$715,000  
Charming mid-century home in the Park Hills neighborhood. Serene ambiance, gorgeous gardens, vaulted ceilings, eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage & lots of light. Anne VanDyke

**1431 GRANT STREET** \$595,000  
Very special light-filled home w/eat-in kitchen, spacious family room leading to big, beautiful level garden. Located close to the Gourmet Ghetto, BART, UC campus & all conveniences. Anne VanDyke

## OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30

**5616 LASALLE AVENUE** \$2,988,000  
New approx. 6000 sq. ft. elegant & stately designed residence. Features include; elevator, Bay views and quality finishes throughout. Located in the exclusive LaSalle Estates (Oakland). Debra J. Dryden

**5 DIABLO DRIVE** \$1,765,000  
Newly developed street off Skyline. Exceptional quality, just completed, approx. 5000 sq. ft. Central courtyard, sauna, air conditioning, 3-car garage, wine cellar & incredible Bay views. Debra J. Dryden

**55 DIABLO DRIVE** \$1,650,000  
Diablo Heights. Magnificent new Mediterranean w/ unsurpassed views. Timeless design & features including 2 grand fireplaces, gourmet kitchen and expansive deck. Lavish master suite. Jill Carrigan

**6151 ACACIA AVENUE** \$1,549,000  
A stately new traditional. Timeless elegance, rich w/ architectural detail & craftsmanship. 4BR/4+BA. Designer kitchen, library/rumpus, fabulous views & lovely gardens. Elizabeth Dickson



**1293 SUNNYSIDE ROAD** \$1,089,000  
Renovated traditional located on a beautiful tree-lined street & includes 4BR/2.5 remodeled BA, gourmet kitchen w/ granite counters, family room + office. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces & 2 decks. Debbi DiMaggio & Adam Betta

**5781 BUENA VISTA AVE.** \$1,049,000  
English charm w/style throughout. 4BR w/master suite, 3BA, kitchen/family room, home office, hardwood floors, beautiful windows & natural light, level front & back gardens. Steve Michaelides

**35 BAY FOREST COURT** \$949,000  
Enjoy the dramatic San Francisco skyline, city lights & sunsets over the Bay. Chef's kitchen with upscale appliances. Family room w/kitchenette & spa. Master suite w/fireplace. 3+BR/3.5BA. Chris Cohn

**475 JEAN STREET** \$625,000  
A renovated traditional in move-in condition w/charm & architectural details intact. 4BR/2BA, elegant formal rooms, spacious master bedroom retreat, updated eat-in kitchen, deck w/hill views & lovely garden. Dana Cohen



**3720 LINWOOD AVENUE** \$539,000  
Charming Glenview. Remodeled w/the original architectural integrity intact. Spacious public rooms w/dramatic crown molding. Stone fireplace. Built-ins & hardwood floors. Large eat-in kitchen w/granite. Sheila Gallagher

**411 62ND STREET** \$499,000  
This sweet 2BR/1BA Craftsman features hardwood floors, formal dining room & fireplace in the living room. Level rear garden. Seismic upgrades. Convenient location near shops, dining & BART. Carolyn Jones

**4654 REDWOOD ROAD** \$519,000  
Popular Leona Park Villas townhome. 2BR/2.5BA w/upgraded kitchen. Inviting patio accessible from living room & dining room, perfect for entertaining. Private front garden & deck. Debbi DiMaggio

**300 CALDECOTT LN. #110** \$399,000  
Fabulous and stylish condominium w/2BR/2BA and balconies to enjoy the hillside vistas. Quiet location. Easy access to pool and gym. Great location for commute and easy living. A gem! Helene Barkin

**2415 DAMUTH AVENUE** \$389,000  
Adorable Mediterranean. Typical of its vintage, this sweet, sunnyside-level (circa 1920), features a large eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, plus room for office & beautifully landscaped garden. Freshly painted inside & out. Jill Carrigan

**444 MERRITT AVE. #302** \$229,000  
Very spacious 1BR/1BA top floor condominium with low maintenance deck off the living room. Conveniently located close to Lake Merritt, all urban amenities and transportation. Angela Wei Grubb

**1972 BYWOOD DRIVE** \$1,390,000  
Exquisite Oakmore colonial on approximately .47 acre lot w/breathtaking Bay view. Superb state of the art kitchen, fabulous master suite. 4BR/2.5BA, cozy home office & spacious rumpus room. Susanne Paul

**195 RUMBLE ROAD** \$1,175,000  
This recently completed custom contemporary features a lush garden courtyard, floor to ceiling windows, large indoor atrium & high quality finishes. 3+BR/2.5BA. Loft & library. Master bath w/sauna. Ford/Plowright

**143 CALVERT COURT** \$1,150,000  
Mid-century by Architect E. Killingsworth. Private 1/3+ acre setting. Breathtaking indoor-outdoor architecture w/ soaring walls of sunlit windows. Glimpses of the Bay. 3BR/2.5BA & library. Chris Cohn

**1365 ALVARADO ROAD** \$739,000  
Stunning Claremont canyon contemporary! Close to shops & transportation, yet feels like a retreat. Hardwood floors throughout open design main floor. 3BR/2.5BA plus au-pair/in-law w/separate entrance. Tricia Swift

**338 WARWICK AVENUE** \$669,000  
Four terrific units in a great location. Units boast pride of ownership. 2 one bedroom units and 2 studio units. Off-street parking. Close to shops, dining, entertainment & transportation. Anne Feste

**1636 TRESTLE GLEN RD.** \$649,000  
A charming English Tudor in Crocker Highlands. Living room with vaulted ceiling & formal dining room. 2+BR/1BA, breakfast room & attached garage. Expansion potential. Judith Cain

## BERKELEY - By APPOINTMENT



**BRECHTAKING VIEWS** \$2,300,000  
Absolutely breathtaking style & views! 3-car garage w/ level entry to kitchen/family room. 5+BR/4.5BA. Elegantly customized throughout. Bebe McRae

**VIEW TRADITIONAL** \$825,000  
Inviting 3+BR/2BA light & airy home + 1BR/1BA in-law. Gorgeous living room w/vaulted ceiling; spacious formal dining room, incredible views. The Ratcliffes

**POOLSIDE RETREAT** \$750,000  
Private drive to poolside retreat! Close to Tilden Park! 4+BR/2.5BA. Sunny & private swimming pool and attached two-car garage! Great condition! Bebe McRae

**BERKELEY TOWNHOME** \$585,000  
This spacious townhouse is conveniently located near the campus of UC. Features include; 3BR/2.5BA, study, hardwood floors, fireplace & deck w/Bay views. Annie Walrand

**MEDITERRANEAN** \$519,500  
Enchanting bungalow + studio. Exquisitely renovated w/ Mediterranean details. Chef's kitchen w/eating nook. Studio, hot tub, garage & workshop. Chris Cohn



**BERKELEY FIXER** \$499,500  
Mediterranean fixer with charm, location and potential. 3BR/1BA plus small library. Living room w/wood beams and fireplace. Kitchen w/breakfast room. Chris Cohn

**AWARD-QUALITY LOFT** \$399,500  
Emeryville. Designer work of art. Stunning kitchen. Asian inspired bath w/soaking tub. Soaring ceilings. Walls of glass. Built-ins of sculptural quality. Chris Cohn

## PIEDMONT & OAKLAND - By APPOINTMENT



**PIEDMONT ESTATE** \$5,850,000  
PIEDMONT. Elegant landmark country English estate on almost three acres. 8+BR, handsome library, indoor pool, exquisite gardens and majestic Oak trees. Sandra Vogl

**ONE-OF-A-KIND HOME** \$2,795,000  
Sensational one-of-a-kind home. Walls of glass, high ceilings & stunning living room. Sweeping SF views. Great attached 2nd unit apartment. Anian Pettit Tunney

**PIEDMONT OASIS** \$2,650,000  
PIEDMONT. Beautiful gardens w/lush lawn, arbor & pool surround this 4+BR/4BA home w/library & rumpus room. Needs some TLC. Separate guest cottage. Angela Wei Grubb

**MONTCLAIR ESTATE** \$1,897,000  
Spectacular vintage estate set on 5.11 magical acres of privacy. Waterfalls, pool, lush gardens & Bay views. Main house + 4 additional structures. Anne Feste

**CLASSIC MEDITERRANEAN** \$1,695,000  
High-quality throughout, 4+BR/3.5BA, pecan floors, grand living room, open kitchen/family room. Beautiful stone & ironwork master w/views. Kurt Buchholz



**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$1,250,000  
Classic & stately redesigned traditional w/level out park-like garden. Upper Crocker Highlands. 4BR/2.5BA. Family room off stunning kitchen. Debra J. Dryden

**OAKMORE TRADITIONAL** \$1,075,000  
A brand new traditional w/Bay views, 4BR/3+BA, loft multi-purpose room. Family room off gourmet kitchen, decks + small level front garden. Debra Dryden

**MONTCLAIR VIEW HOME** \$799,000  
Enjoy serene canyon views from every level of this spacious 4BR/3.5BA contemporary home with updated kitchen adjacent to family room. Huge rumpus room. Mavis Delacroix

**SOPHISTICATED!** \$739,000  
Dramatic 3BR/2BA Piedmont Pines contemporary w/SF Bay views. Living room & dining room open to decks, perfect for entertaining. Great location. Debbi DiMaggio

**RESORT LIVING** \$735,000  
Expansive two-parcel site in serene setting. 3BR/2BA and fabulous entertaining from family room with access to gorgeous pool and patio. Helene Barkin



**DRAMATIC CONTEMPORARY** \$725,000  
Very dramatic Montclair contemporary home (circa 1995) located on a large lot. Soaring spaces, fabulous light! 3BR/2BA. Garage. Faye Keogh

**PARK-LIKE GARDEN** \$689,000  
3BR/3BA. Updated kitchen/family room. Master suite w/ 2 additional BR on the same floor. Large rumpus room. 2-car garage w/interior access. Kurt Buchholz

**ROCKRIDGE CONDOMINIUM** \$415,000  
Exceptional Upper Rockridge condominium w/Bay views. Prestigious Heritage building! 2 BR/2BA w/updated kitchen, fireplace, elegant lobby & elevator. Bebe McRae

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**BUILDABLE LOTS** \$689,000 EACH  
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**CLAREMONT VIEW LOT** \$199,900  
Upslope lot w/serene canyon views. Diane Verducci  
**CLAREMONT HILLS LOT** \$150,000  
Creek setting. Adjacent to 186 Alvarado Road. Bebe McRae



## WEEKLY SALES

## ALAMEDA

1454 6th St - \$404,000  
 1153 Admiralty Ln - \$459,000  
 33 Bay Pk Terrace 22 - \$541,500  
 262 Beach Rd - \$480,000  
 18 Brehaut Ct - \$504,000  
 3278 Briggs Av - \$475,000  
 2709 Central Av #A - \$300,000  
 2709 Central Av - \$310,000  
 2018 Eagle Av - \$675,000  
 2042 Encinal Av - \$541,500  
 3245 Encinal Av - \$440,000  
 3214 Fairview Av - \$670,000  
 3011 Fernside Bl - \$522,000  
 1612 Grand St - \$536,500  
 1523 High St - \$500,000  
 992 High St - \$440,000  
 431 Lincoln Av - \$440,000  
 336 Magnolia Dr - \$525,000  
 22 Millington Ct - \$550,000  
 2031 Otis Dr #C - \$248,000  
 1417 Page St - \$610,000  
 1025 Pearl St - \$530,000  
 3258 San Jose Av - \$463,000  
 2133 Santa Clara 216 - \$289,000  
 18 Shamrock Ln - \$667,000  
 1321 Webster D119 - \$282,000

## ALBANY

509 Cornell Av - \$431,000  
 630 Curtis St - \$507,500  
 1315 Marin Av - \$500,000  
 555 Pierce St #740E - \$332,000  
 789 Taft Av - \$450,000  
 1209 Washington Av - \$530,000

## BERKELEY

1412 6th St - \$400,000  
 2129 6th St - \$249,000  
 2139 Ashby Av - \$450,000  
 2626 Benvenue #4 - \$320,000  
 1723 Blake St - \$630,000  
 3004 Dana St - \$499,000  
 2754 Dohr St - \$409,000  
 2825 Dohr St - \$420,000  
 907 Dwight Wy - \$408,500  
 915 Dwight Wy - \$408,500  
 923 Dwight Wy - \$408,500  
 3038 East Halcyon Ct - \$390,000  
 1128 Euclid Av - \$495,000  
 25 Hazel Rd - \$945,000  
 1410 Holly St - \$802,000  
 1400 Hopkins St - \$257,500  
 1642 Milvia St #2 - \$435,000  
 2226 Prince St - \$505,000  
 1553 San Lorenzo Av - \$560,000  
 501 Santa Barbara Rd - \$1,280,000  
 561 Santa Barbara Rd - \$423,000  
 670 Santa Barbara Rd - \$1,150,000  
 2880 Shasta Rd - \$570,000  
 25 Stoddard Wy - \$660,000  
 1628 Stuart St - \$450,000  
 1520 Tyler St - \$334,000

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1319 Arlington Bl - \$675,000  
 7439 Mosser Ln - \$700,000  
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1221 Salida Wy - \$345,000

## EMERYVILLE

1200 65th St #233 - \$490,000  
 6 Admiral Dr #A279 - \$232,000  
 6 Captain Dr #E332 - \$190,000  
 10 Commodore Dr - \$420,000  
 5855 Horton 723 - \$535,000  
 103 Liquid Sugar Dr - \$453,000  
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## KENSINGTON

12 Jessen Ct - \$425,000

## OAKLAND

1417 102nd Av - \$178,000  
 2617 13th Av - \$435,000  
 1542 17th Av - \$260,000  
 1735 22nd Av - \$245,000  
 1715 24th Av - \$270,000  
 1922 24th Av - \$339,000  
 2035 27th Av - \$350,000  
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 1376 54th Av - \$445,000  
 1350 64th Av - \$225,000  
 2673 66th Av - \$244,000  
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139 Arbor Dr - \$772,000  
 15 Crest Rd - \$975,000  
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544 17th St - \$220,000  
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 720 Bloom St - \$646,000  
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 957 Haas Av - \$585,000  
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 2417 Limehouse - \$395,000  
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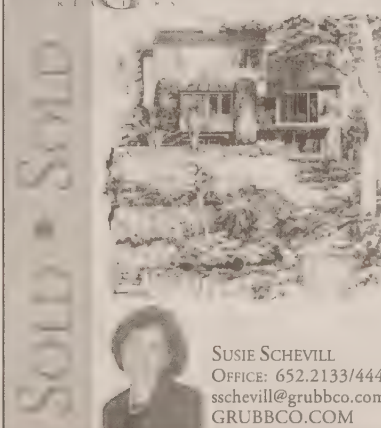
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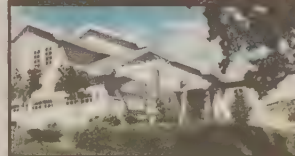
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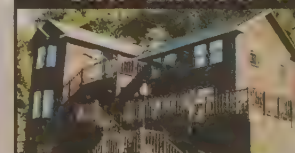
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## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 26  
LOWEST PRICE: \$248,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$477,019

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 6

LOWEST PRICE: \$332,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$530,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$458,417

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 26  
LOWEST PRICE: \$249,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,280,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$533,038

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$405,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$675,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$593,333

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$345,000

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$535,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$420,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$367,786

## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$425,000

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 90  
LOWEST PRICE: \$87,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,475,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$385,261

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$772,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,225,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$990,667

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 30  
LOWEST PRICE: \$93,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$620,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$306,783

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 31  
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$680,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$399,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$430,221

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$380,000

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**6622 Sobrante Road**  
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**\$649,000**

**GORGEOUS SPACIOUS TRADITIONAL**  
**Crocker Highlands.** Very special Grand Dame ~ circa 1919. Lovely architectural detail, spaces for everything! Wonderful living room, formal dining, 4BD/3.5BA, close to Lakeshore!  
Joy Bryden 531-7000 x218

**\$879,000**

**17 UNITS**  
**Oakland.** Three structures, remodeled units. Separate meters for gas and electricity. Priced to sell.  
Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x258

**\$1,390,000**

**COMMERCIAL + 4 RES. UNITS**  
**Oakland.** Near International Blvd. & 14th Ave. Top locale for commercial use. Perfect for the owner occupant or live work occupant income near 10 GRM. Updated electrical, plumbing, & foundation. Only requires front make over. Frank Henneker 531-7000 x235

**\$795,000**

**6 UNITS**  
**North Oakland.** Fourplex and Duplex. Four large one bedrooms and two studios. Quiet, desirable 37th Street.  
Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x258

**\$595,000**

**FOUR PLEX**  
**West Berkeley.** New listing, first time on market! All 2BD/1BA units. Two units with fireplaces. Very spacious. Income \$50K, pest report \$10,500  
Frank Henneker 531-7000 x235

**\$576,000**

**INVESTMENT PROPERTY**  
**Oakland.** Fourplex, live in one and rent the others. Close to downtown Oakland and freeways. Nice decks and back yard. Beth DeAtley 531-7006 x234

**\$575,000**

**NICELY UPDATED 7 UNITS**  
**Allendale Park.** \$50K Price Reduction! All studios, it's a bargain. Exceptionally well maintained, three vacant units can be filled by close of escrow. Cannot beat at 7.9 CAP and 8.6 GRM. Pedram Karbassi 531-7006 x290

**\$499,000**

**BEAUTIFUL MEDITERRANEAN FOUR PLEX**  
**Fruitvale.** Spacious one bedroom plus units, separate meters, hardwoods. Great upside rental potential.  
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**\$495,000**

**ATTENTION 1ST TIME BUYERS!**  
**North Oakland.** Duplex. Have tenants pay part of your mortgage! Two story, 2BD upstairs, 1BD downstairs. Lower unit has expansion potential. Needs some work but see the POTENTIAL! Frank Henneker 531-7000 x235

**\$407,000**

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**Claremont Hills**  
\$2,350,000  
Sun 1 - 4:30  
3 BR 3.5BA Gorgeous! New kitchen, contemporary design  
Fabulous Bay views, large lot  
John Robinson 510.339.4700

**Claremont Hills**  
\$1,730,000  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 3 BA Mediterranean w/Golden Gate & SF views. Gourmet kitchen/farmhouse formal dining  
David Eckert 510.339.4700

**Oakland Hills**  
\$1,495,000  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
New construction w/smart design  
4BR, 4.5BA, FR, gourmet kitchen, new's galore! Perfect!  
Mike Farris 510.339.4700

**Claremont Heights**  
\$1,245,000  
Sun 2 - 5  
3 BR 3 BA Level-in design, views, 1/2 bath kitchen, terrace, many upgrades, new master. Price reduced  
Patricia Grant 510.339.4700

**Adams Point**  
\$850,000  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
4BR 4BA Elegant Prairie-style circa 1911, leaded/stained glass; FR doors to back yard  
Ellen Lancaster 510.339.4700

**Claremont Hills**  
\$839,000  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 3BA Great decor & spectacular views w/SF views, private courtyard, plus bonus for office  
Nancy Anderson 510.339.4700

**Rockridge**  
\$675,000  
Sun 2 - 5  
6248 Manoa  
3 BR 1.5 BA with old world charm and spacious living & dining rooms. 2 bks to Sausalito.  
Judy Ackerman 510.339.4700

**Montclair**  
\$639,000  
Sun 2 - 5  
6648 Heather Ridge Way  
3+ BR 2.5 BA. Easy maint. home built in 1996 by well-known local builder. Light & airy  
Joan Alford 510.339.4700

**Montclair**  
\$635,000  
Sun 2-4:30  
9120 Skyline  
4 BR 3 BA Light & bright level entry home is close to Redwood Park. Updated eat-in kitchen & baths, family room, 2 fireplaces & Bay view  
Lydia Nava 510.339.4700

**Rockridge**  
\$625,000  
Sun 1:30 - 4:30  
4520 Harbord Dr.  
3 BR 1 BA Charming upper Rockridge Traditional. Sunny level garden, updated kitchen/bath. Hrdwd flrs  
Joan Duffield 510.339.4700

**Millsmont**  
\$445,000  
Sun 2 - 4:30  
6314 Majestic Avenue  
2 BR 1 BA Tudor w/gourmet eat-in kitchen. LR w/slight views of Bay, great backyard, art studio.  
Karyn Selby-Miller 510.339.4700

**Marina Bay/Richmond**  
\$389,000  
Sun 1 - 4  
1201 Melville Square #208  
3 BR 2 BA Condo in beautiful Marina Bay. Panoramic views! Near S.F. BART, freeway & Bay Trails  
Catherine Varnau 510.486.1495

**Lakeshore**  
\$369,000  
Sun 1 - 4:30  
2250 Lake Shore Ave #5  
2 BR 1 BA Spacious lakeview condo near many activity, shopping and transportation options  
Jeffrey Neideman 510.339.4700

**Richmond**  
\$329,000  
Sun 2 - 4  
3725 Esmond Dr.  
2 BR 1 BA Clean home & 1 car garage. Fenced newly landscaped yard. New kitchen. New appliances. Nr. BART  
Barb Allendorf 510.486.1495

**Piedmont**  
\$5,850,000  
8 BR 5 full BA + 2 half Sunnys & expansive. Large formal rooms, library, rumptus room & indoor pool/spa. Picturesque landscaping designed by Thomas Church  
George Karsant 510.339.4700

**Spectacular View**  
\$1,800,000  
3+ BR 3.5 BA Elegant home with unobstructed 3 bridge view. Marbled Jacuzzi in master bath. Incredible quality finishes throughout!  
Barbara Manenthal 510.486.1495

**Montclair**  
\$1,580,000  
5 BR 3 BA Stunning SF & Bay Bridge views! HWF thru-out, gourmet kitchen, sleek granite, Elm cabinets, A/C, elegant Master suite  
George Karsant 510.339.4700

**Crocker Highlands**  
\$1,190,000  
3+ BR 2 BA Stunning Tudor revival, period detail-leaded glass, hewn beam ceilings, French doors, 4 FP; plus room used as home theater  
Ellen Lancaster 510.339.4700

**Pt. Richmond**  
\$1,150,000  
5 BR/2.5BA Gorgeous contemporary, seconds from beach. Open & light, sweeping views dramatic lvg rm w/all of windows, extensive upgrades.  
Gene Della Maggiora 510.486.1495

**Lower Temescal**  
\$959,000  
Near Piedmont Ave. & BART! 6-unit building. Five 2-BR units + 1 studio. Gated! All units are vacant. New roof, fresh paint. Nice  
Elena Stone 510.339.4700

## BY APPOINTMENT

**Berkeley**  
\$599,000  
3 BR 2 full BA + 2 half Mid-century modern w/over 2,000 sq. ft. of contemporary living on 3 levels. More photos and info @ iMakeYourMove.com  
Bobbie Guattarone 510.486.1495

**Life by the Bay!**  
\$579,900  
3 BR 2.5 BA Cathedral ceilings, lrp! New paint, gated community w/ pool. 2-car garage w/ interior access. Next to Bay, BART & shops. A true gem!  
Gracie Lustig 510.981-3045

**North Oakland**  
\$450,000  
6 BR Legal Duplex on Emeryville/Oakland border. Great location, large 4bd upstairs, 2 more 1bd units, all vacant. 1 unit is now conforming  
Victor Ratto 510.339.4700

**West Oakland**  
\$439,000  
Not a drive by... Endless space for an extended family in this 5+ BR/3BA home. Close proximity to major freeways & Downtown Oakland  
Antonia "Noni" Robinson 510.339.4700

**Laurel**  
\$389,000  
2 BR 1 BA Cute little red Farmhouse! Built in 1912 this home has style & charm! Updated bath. Too cute!  
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**Albany**  
\$349,000  
2 BR 2 BA Super clean, move-in condition condo. First floor, 2bd/2ba unit in excellent neighborhood. Pool, hot tub, fitness center, tennis courts  
Victor Ratto/Karvin Selby-Miller 510.339.4700

**Oakland**  
\$343,500  
3 BR 1.5 BA 2-story home w/family room off large kitchen. Family room opens out to back yard & has 2 alcoves for patio & for sewing or computer.  
Joan Alford 510.339.4700

**Richmond**  
\$285,000  
Cute, cozy 2-unit, 2BR 1BA duplex. Great parking, car port, E-Z access to public transportation & freeways.  
Reva Tolbert 510.339.4700

**Adams Point**  
\$130,000  
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\$7,750,000  
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# Escrow coordination seminars set for Oakland, Concord

PROVIDENCE PUBLISHING  
 OAKLAND — A three-hour power escrow skills seminar is planned for Concord and Oakland in November. The seminar is geared toward real estate professionals and/or assistants looking for simple solutions to escrow management.  
 Diana Turnbloom, an escrow coordinator for eight years, instructor and author of Escrow Coordination Secrets, will give you custom forms to keep you organized, teach you time saving techniques and team coordination. Cost of the seminar is \$125 and includes a copy of Escrow Coordination Secrets.  
 Call Brian Malmendier at Providence Publishing, 925-228-7090 to RSVP for Nov. 5 at the Oakland Association of Realtors, 1528 Webster Street, Oakland, or for Nov. 10 at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord.

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**November 2nd, 2-4 p.m.**  
**1201 TALBOT AVE**  
**BERKELEY**  
 Updated mid-century creek side cottage in great Westbrae location near shops and restaurants. Three bedrooms, two baths, attached garage. 1,544 sq. ft. of living space.  
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*New Montclair Listing ~ Open Sunday, November 2, 2-4:30*  
 just ask our clients  
 5941 PINWOOD ROAD, OAKLAND  
 Exceptional 7 year old home in convenient Montclair location. The well designed floor plan is further enhanced by the indoor/outdoor flow with access from the kitchen/family room to the patio, private level yard and garden. 4 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths  
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**16 Oak Court, Orinda**  
**Price Reduced**  
 New construction. Beautifully crafted, luxurious Mediterranean on almost 1/2 acre. Magnificent views. 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, huge kitchen/family room with breakfast room. Top-of-line appliances. Family room has built-in home theater. Luxurious master suite & bath. Cathedral ceilings throughout. Santos mahogany floors.  
 \$1,599,000  
**146 Las Vegas Road, Orinda**  
**Price Reduced**  
 Beautifully maintained home in Orinda Country Club area on apx. .39 ac. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths and guest room with full bath. Large sparkling room. French doors to well landscaped yard/patio. Large kitchen/family combo. Luxurious master suite and bath with fireplace. (Parking on 12 El Verano Dr.)  
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**Open Sunday**  
**PIEDMONT \$1,599,000**  
**8 GLEN ALPINE RD.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Handsomely remodeled contemporary in impeccable Piedmont neighborhood. 5BR/4.5 BA, garden. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,589,000**  
**5499 GOLDEN GATE AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Price Reduced! Classic Mark Becker designed home. 4+BR/3.5BA, crafts room, wine cellar, master BR w/fireplace, hardwood, granite. 4000+ sq. ft. Ashley O'Neill x1368

**PIEDMONT \$1,325,000**  
**451 WILDWOOD AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Lovely custom contemporary 4+BR/4BA w/ space & privacy. Walls of glass, brick courtyard, eat-in kit. Rosalie Woods x1324

**MONTCLAIR \$995,000**  
**5941 PINWOOD RD.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 New listing! Exceptional 7 year old home. 4BR/3.5 BA with access from kitchen/family room to tile patio, private level yard & garden. Teri Carlisle x1305

**MONTCLAIR \$899,000**  
**7067 SKYLINE BLVD.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 New listing! Chic detailing & knock out vws. 4BR/3BA including sophisticated master suite, kit/family room combo, formal LR & DR. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

**MONTCLAIR \$889,000**  
**7455 WOODROW DR.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Reduced! Stunning newer home w/ impeccable interior finishes & enchanting outdoor spaces. 3+BR/2.5BA, 2 family rooms. Nancy Moore x1302

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$699,000**  
**5668 BUENA VISTA AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Price Reduced 100K! Best value for '94 Upper Rockridge home. Level-in 3+BR/2+BA, contemporary in great area. Library w/GG view, Italian tile floors. Dee Knowland x1318

**SAN LEANDRO \$542,000**  
**950 ESTUDILLO AVE.** (Open 1-4)  
 New listing! 2+BR/1+BA full of charm, split level. Great spaces for entertaining, detached office, updated eat-in kitchen. Michelle Miller x1335

**PIEDMONT \$699,000**  
**23 GREENBANK AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Great 1922 Craftsman on tree-lined street. Vintage features. 3BR/2BA. Level yard. Walk to school. Dee Knowland x1318

**MONTCLAIR \$610,000**  
**5959 BALBOA DR.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 New listing! 3+BR/2BA Tahoe style retreat in peaceful setting. Updated kit, wood burning stove, hardwoods, wrap-around deck, yard, hot tub. Ann Nichols x1319

**MONTCLAIR \$595,000**  
**1773 INDIAN WAY** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Delightful & immaculate 3BR/2BA, redone kitchen, terrific outdoor space. Sandi Klemmer x1314, Dick Cohen x1308

**LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$558,000**  
**2413 POTOMAC ST.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Stylish 6 year old traditional near Montclair Village w/hills vws. 4BR/3BA, hardwood floors, 2400+/- sq. ft. Donna Costella x1355

**LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$479,000**  
**3937 RHODA AVE.** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Very special 2BR/2BA home with large eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, level out to private yard & patio, 1 car garage. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

**NORTH OAKLAND \$429,000**  
**634 61ST STREET** (Open 2-4:30)  
 Spacious 3+BR/2+BA w/eat-in kitchen, fir flrs, box beam ceilings & wainscoting, new paint, garage. Non-conforming 1BR attached unit. Tom Nemeth x1381

**PARKWOODS \$387,500**  
**280 CALDECOTT #209** (Open 2-4:30)  
 New listing! Pristine 2BR/2BA Piedmont model. Private wooded outlook, 2 garage spaces. GRI amenities, security gate/patrol, community room. Charlotte Boyle x1370

**OAKLAND \$379,000**  
**323 MONTE VISTA #210** (Open 2-4:30)  
 New listing! Elegant building in fabulous location between Oakland & Piedmont Avenues. 2BR/2BA, updated eat-in kit, balcony, lots of storage. Joan Hause x1358

**PIEDMONT \$4,790,000**  
 Magnificent English with intricate detail on 2/3 acre level land. Grand rooms, 6+ bedrooms, pool, 60 Corneli x1325

**PIEDMONT \$3,790,000**  
 Stately English Tudor with 4+BR & incredible architectural details in kitchen, library, family room and suite. Georgia Cornell x1325

**NORTH BERKELEY \$1,790,000**  
 Historic chalet just north of UC. Restoration of a unique and beautiful Maybeck and White Architects. SeeMore @pacunion.com. Gini Bess

**OAKLAND HILLS**  
 One of 10 homes under construction cul-de-sac. 4BR/3BA. Custom every home, gourmet kit, wood-burning fireplace, bay views. David Schaller

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,790,000**  
 Elegant period details and a skylighted attic highlight this 1933 Tudor. 2+BR/2BA, wood-burning fireplace. SeeMore @pacunion.com. Gini Bess

**MONTCLAIR**  
 Fabulous Bay view lot with large area. 2.6+ acre at the end of cul-de-sac. Wendy Gardner Ferraro

**MONTCLAIR**  
 Walls of glass capture tranquil views from this 3+BR/2.5BA 2-story living room, vaulted ceiling, eat-in kitchen. Robyn May

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE**  
 Fabulous lot in heart of Upper Rockridge. 6200+ sq. ft., level, North Bay view. Duffy x1326



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591 Valle Vista Ave  
\$679,000



Mediterranean-Deco mix

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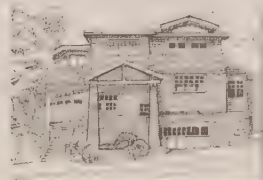
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**OAKLAND** \$393,000  
2/1 - Rare, fabulous large sunny unit in 4-unit building. Formal dining room, fireplace. Near Rockridge BART and College Avenue shops and restaurants  
6481 Benvenue Avenue #4 Open 2-5



**OAKLAND** \$1,295,000  
5+3.5 - Brand new Craftsman lodge revival on an oak-studded parcel with 2 master suites and 3,500 square feet of fabulous details. Private yet close to everything  
71 Roble Road Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW LISTING!** \$289,000  
LOFT - 840 square foot corner loft with mezzanine, skylights, remodeled kitchen and bath. Photos and more information at [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com)  
730 29th Street #7 Open 2-4



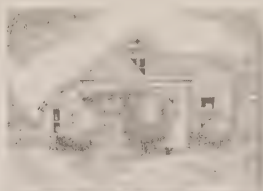
**BERKELEY** \$828,000  
Duplex - One 2+1/2 unit and one 2/1 unit with mesmerizing panoramic Bay Bridge and tree views from every room! Interior staircase creates SFH of 2,482 square feet  
190 Tamalpais Road Open 2-5



**BERKELEY** \$799,000  
4 UNITS - Located in NW Berkeley. Large vacant duplex with 2/2 and 2/1, a 2/1 cottage and one studio cottage. Upgraded kitchens & baths. Great for owner occupants  
1245 Francisco Street Open 2-4



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING!** \$289,000  
2/1 - Beautifully renovated cottage. Private fenced yard. Lots of storage. One block to BART and Berkeley Bowl. Located in a great neighborhood!  
2915 B Otis Street Open 2-5



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING!** \$529,000  
2/1 - Enchanting Victorian near Gourmet Ghetto, BART, UC Berkeley. Huge walk-in attic, high ceilings, garden, 2-car garage. See photos at [www.izumitada.com](http://www.izumitada.com)  
1734 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Open 2-4



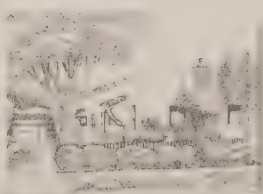
**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING!** \$299,000  
2/1 - Fabulous fixer with original details and great character. Hardwood floors, fireplace, formal living room and dining room, large backyard. Close to shops and transportation  
1644 Ashby Avenue Open 2-4



**BERKELEY** \$520,000  
3/1 - Charming with beautiful built-ins, tiled fireplace in living room, wooden trim, and hardwood floors on a quiet block-long street near Hopkins shops, parks and BART  
1408 Cypress Street Open 2-4



**ALBANY** \$615,000  
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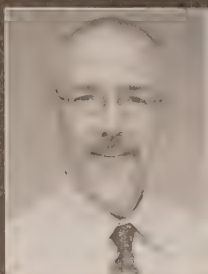




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| \$225,500           | 965 Shorepoint Ct #114 | 1BD/4BA                      |  | \$629,000                   | 1069 Gardenia Terrace | 4BD/4BA                     |  | \$239,000                | 2418 5th St                 | 1BD/1BA                   |  | \$775,000                | 6805 Moore Dr.      | 3+BD/2.5BA                      |  | \$1,295,000           | 1315 Riffe Range Rd |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-748-1131                 |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-748-1170                |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                             | 510-527-2700 X39          |  | Sun. 1-5                 |                     | 510-466-1495                    |  | Open Sun 2-4          |                     |  |  |
| Gallagher & Lindsey |                        | Dorothy Franchi              |  | Gallagher & Lindsey         |                       | John Selbach                |  | Marvin Gardens           |                             | Meridee Carter            |  | Coldwell Banker          |                     | Marilyn & Juanita               |  | Security Pacific R.E. |                     |  |  |
| \$239,000           | 218 Brush St #M        | 2BD/1BA                      |  | \$649,000                   | 2824 Bayview Dr.      | 4BD/2.5BA                   |  | \$289,000                | 2915 B Otis St              | 2BD/1BA                   |  | \$799,000                | 1245 Francisco St   | 4 Units                         |  | \$199,999             | 3806 Via Verdi      |  |  |
| Open Sat & Sun 2-4  |                        | 510-748-1807                 |  | Open Sat & Sun 2-4          |                       | 510-748-1103/748-1127       |  | Open Sun 2-5             |                             | 510-280-2117              |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | Red Oak Realty                  |  | Open Sun 2-4          |                     |  |  |
| Gallagher & Lindsey |                        | Ann Bracci                   |  | Gallagher & Lindsey         |                       | Signe Nelson/Debra Gorman   |  | Red Oak Realty           |                             | Betsy Thagard             |  | Red Oak Realty           |                     | Billy Karp                      |  | Red Oak Realty        |                     |  |  |
| \$299,900           | 601 Willow St          | 2BD/1BA                      |  | \$649,000                   | 2913 Bayview Dr.      | 3BD/2.5BA                   |  | \$299,000                | 1644 Ashby Ave              | 2BD/1BA                   |  | \$799,000                | 682 Creston Rd      | 3BD/3BA                         |  | \$405,000             | 4162 Santa Rita Rd  |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-814-4825                 |  | Open Sat & Sun 2-4          |                       | 510-865-1635/864-4810       |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                             | 510-280-2147              |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | 510-524-9888x18                 |  | Open Sun 1-4          |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Shirley McWilliam            |  | Kane & Associates           |                       | Lois Hoffman/Andrew Raskopf |  | Red Oak Realty           |                             | Scott Bovard              |  | Berkeley Hills Realty    |                     | Maya Trilling                   |  | The Real Estate Co.   |                     |  |  |
| \$358,000           | 1919 Minturn           | 2BD/1.25BA                   |  | \$658,000                   | 2147 Encinal Ave.     | 4+BD/3BA                    |  | \$365,000                | 2028 1/2 Francisco          | 2BD/1BA                   |  | \$828,000                | 190 Tamalpais Rd    | 2 Units                         |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-521-1611/502-0437        |  | Sun. 2-4:30                 |                       | 510-339-4000                |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                             | 510-835-6218              |  | Open Sun 2-5             |                     | 2 Units                         |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Fortuna Realty      |                        | Bob Cucchiara                |  | Montclair Better Homes      |                       | Loc Nguyen                  |  | Red Oak Realty           |                             | The Longs                 |  | Red Oak Realty           |                     | Diane Ohlsson                   |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$399,500           | 1314 Lincoln           | 2+BD/2BA                     |  | \$688,000                   | 1542 Pearl St         | 3BD/2.5BA                   |  | \$375,000                | 810 Delaware Street         | 2BD/1BA                   |  | \$875,000                | 954 Keeler Ave      | 5BD/2BA                         |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-814-4893                 |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-685-0000                |  | Sun. 2-4:30 pm           |                             | 510-531-7000 x246         |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | 510-524-9888x11                 |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Kathy Bell-Mathy             |  | Gallagher & Lindsey         |                       | Dennis Keefe                |  | Wells & Bennett Realtors |                             | Stan Hammond              |  | Berkeley Hills Realty    |                     | Terese Ashman                   |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$425,000           | 301 Broadway #201      | 2BD/2BA                      |  | \$688,000                   | 2117 Encinal Ave      | 4BD/3BA                     |  | \$395,000                | 1127 Delaware               | 2+BD/1BA                  |  | \$885,000                | 2823 Ashby Ave      | 5BD/2.5BA                       |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-865-3460                 |  | Open Sat & Sun 2-4          |                       | 510-747-1620                |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                             | 510-292-3055              |  | Open Sun 1-4             |                     | Upper Elmwood                   |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Kane & Associates   |                        | Pat Colburn                  |  | Gallagher & Lindsey         |                       | Moon Mat                    |  | Marvin Gardens           |                             | Melissa Eizenberg         |  | Maison Nouveau           |                     | Heather Stid                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$429,500           | 1306 Mound St          | 2BD/1BA                      |  | \$689,000                   | 2160 Buena Vista      | 3+BD/1+BA                   |  | \$425,000                | 1524 Tyler                  | 3BD/2BA                   |  | \$889,000                | 149 Strathmoor Dr   | 2+BD/2BA                        |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sat & Sun 2-4  |                        | 510-521-6000/821-4040        |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-521-5210                |  | Open Sat                 |                             | 510-845-0211              |  | Open Sun 2-4:30          |                     | The Homes-Link Team             |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Alameda Realty      |                        | Chris Price                  |  | Centennial Real Estate      |                       | Linda Larkin                |  | Prudential Ca Realty     |                             | Di-Allen Thompson         |  | Open Sun 2-4:30          |                     | The Grubb Co.                   |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$459,000           | 1210 Pacific Ave       | 3BD/1BA                      |  | \$689,000                   | 3042 Thompson Ave     | 3BD/2BA                     |  | \$439,000                | 1295 Francisco St           | 2BD/1BA                   |  | \$895,000                | 781 Santa Barbara   | 3BD/2.5BA                       |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sat. 2-4       |                        | 510-814-4884                 |  | Open Fri 6-8, Sat & Sun 2-4 |                       | 510-748-1110/748-1103       |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                             | 510-527-27000 X37         |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | 510-524-9888x51                 |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Izabella Lipetski            |  | Gallagher & Lindsey         |                       | Ron Bang/Signe Nelson       |  | Marvin Gardens           |                             | David Bigelow             |  | Berkeley Hills Realty    |                     | Gay & Kay                       |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$469,000           | 305 Haight             | 3+BD/1BA                     |  | \$695,000                   | 152 Capetown Dr       | 3BD/2.5BA                   |  | \$469,900                | 2779 Acton St               | 2+BD/2BA                  |  | \$949,000                | 35 Bay Forest Court | 3++BD/3.5BA                     |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sat & Sun 2-4  |                        | 510-814-4716                 |  | Open Sat & Sun 2-4          |                       | 510-814-4887                |  | Open Sun 2-4:30          |                             | 510-428-0900              |  | Sun. 2-4:30pm            |                     | 510-339-0400                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Loarraine Ingeman            |  | Harbor Bay Realty           |                       | Ramon Dumaguin              |  | Prudential Ca Realty     |                             | Tom Kilgallen             |  | The Grubb Co.            |                     | Chris Cohn                      |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$469,000           | 460 Cola Ballena F     | 2BD/2.5BA                    |  | \$709,000                   | 1 Cotella Ct.         | 4BD/2.5BA                   |  | \$488,000                | 1206 Kains                  | 3BD/2BA                   |  | \$1,395,000              | 160 Gravatt Drive   | 4BD/3.5BA                       |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-814-4875                 |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-814-4821                |  | Open Sun 2-5             |                             | 510-662-8487              |  | Sun. 2-4:30pm            |                     | 510-339-0400                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Diedre Dixon                 |  | Harbor Bay Realty           |                       | Elaine Millen               |  | Security Pacific R.E.    |                             | Jaime Lake                |  | The Grubb Co.            |                     | Karen Starr                     |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$469,000           | 470 D Coloa Ballena    | 3BD/2.5BA                    |  | \$749,000                   | 1108 Oak St           | 6BD/3BA                     |  | \$499,000                | 2053 Oregon St              | 2+BD/1BA                  |  | \$1,495,000              | 66 Alvarado Road    | 5BD/4BA                         |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-814-4839                 |  | Open Sun 2-4:30             |                       | 510-337-8670                |  | Open Sun 1-4             |                             | 510-464-1185              |  | Sun. 2-4:30pm            |                     | 510-339-0400                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Bill Douglas                 |  | Prudential CA Realty        |                       | Lillian Liao                |  | Prudential Ca Realty     |                             | Heather Sandford          |  | The Grubb Co.            |                     | Karen Starr                     |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$479,000           | 1105 Post St.          | 2BD/1BA                      |  | \$785,000                   | 1625 Kofman           | 4BD/3BA                     |  | \$520,000                | 1408 Cypress                | 3BD/1BA                   |  | \$1,550,000              | 186 Alvarado Road   | 2++BD/2.5BA                     |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sat & Sun 2-4  |                        | 510-814-4893/814-4822        |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-814-4854                |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                             | 510-280-2114              |  | Sun. 2-4:30pm            |                     | 510-652-2133                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Kathy Bell-Mathy/Jean Powers |  | Harbor Bay Realty           |                       | Donn Gutierrez              |  | Red Oak Realty           |                             | Judy Boe                  |  | The Grubb Co.            |                     | Bebe McRae                      |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$485,000           | 830 Halght Ave         | 2+BD                         |  | \$795,000                   | 2029 Yorkshire Pl.    | 4BD/2.5BA                   |  | \$529,000                | 1734 Martin Luther King Way | 2BD/1BA                   |  |                          |                     |                                 |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4:30     |                        | 510-522-5827/521-1630        |  | Open Sat & Sun 2-4          |                       | 510-748-1117/748-1170       |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                             | 510-280-2153              |  |                          |                     |                                 |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Bayside Real Estate |                        | Dianna Wyman/Janelle Spatz   |  | Gallagher & Lindsey         |                       | Don Patterson/John Selbach  |  | Red Oak Realty           |                             | Tada Izumi                |  |                          |                     |                                 |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$494,000           | 208 Maitland           | 3BD/2BA                      |  | \$1,300,000                 | 1232 St. Charles St   | 4BD/2.5BA                   |  | \$549,000                | 1101 The Alameda            | 2+BD/1BA                  |  | \$485,000                | 18 San Carlos Ave   | 2BD/1+1/4BA                     |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-814-4874                 |  | Open Sun 2-4:30             |                       | 510-523-6058                |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                             | 510-524-9888x12           |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | 510-559-2929                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Mark Playsted                |  | Kane & Associates           |                       | Hanna Fry                   |  | Berkeley Hills Realty    |                             | Joan Brunswick            |  | Marvin Gardens           |                     | Herman Sun                      |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$539,000           | 3224 Bayo Vista Ave    | 2+BD/1BA                     |  | \$1,449,000                 | 938 Jackson St        | 2BD/2BA                     |  | \$570,000                | 1220 Haskell St.            | --BD/-BA                  |  | \$549,000                | 1155 King Court     | 3+BD/1BA                        |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sat & Sun 2-4  |                        | 510-522-4449                 |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-851-9888                |  | Sun. 2-4:30 2 Units      |                             | 510-339-8900              |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | 510-334-6007                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Gallagher & Lindsey |                        | Keiko McDonah                |  | Prudential Ca Realty        |                       | Wendy T. Louie              |  | C21 Heritage Real Estate |                             | Kevin Skipper             |  | Red Oak Realty           |                     | Tom Cone                        |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$550,000           | 1718 St Charles St.    | 2 units                      |  | \$449,000                   | 938 Jackson St        | 2BD/2BA                     |  | \$595,000                | 1431 Grant Street           | 2BD/1BA                   |  | \$549,950                | 6730 Glen Mawr Ave  | 3BD/2BA                         |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-814-4845                 |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-851-9888                |  | Sun. 2-4:30pm            |                             | 510-339-0400              |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | 510-237-0372                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Marilyn Pomeroy              |  | Prudential Ca Realty        |                       |                             |  | The Grubb Co.            |                             | Anne VandYke              |  | Coldwell Banker Bartels  |                     | Franca Tallero                  |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$569,500           | 2610 Bayview Dr.       | 3BD/2BA                      |  | \$525,000                   | 1314 Marin Ave        | 2BD/1BA                     |  | \$665,000                | 2122 Sacramento Street      | Duplex                    |  | \$550,000                | 6921 Fairview Dr    | 3BD/2BA                         |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sat & Sun 2-4  |                        | 510-748-1108                 |  | Open Sun 1-4                |                       | 510-292-2014                |  | Sun. 2-4:30 pm           |                             | 510-531-7000 x290         |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | 510-292-3048                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Gallagher & Lindsey |                        | Bill Bissett                 |  | Red Oak Realty              |                       | Anna Denise Demuth          |  | Wells & Bennett Realtors |                             | Pedram Karbassi           |  | Marvin Gardens           |                     | Merrilyn Rhodes/Crystal Elliott |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$599,000           | 3106 Washington St.    | 3+BD                         |  | \$549,000                   | 726-8 San Carlos Ave  | --BD/2.5BA                  |  | \$685,000                | 1090 Creston Rd             | 3BD/1.5BA                 |  | \$579,988                | 520 Seaview         | 3BD/2BA                         |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4:30     |                        | 510-522-5827/521-1647        |  | Open Sun 2-5                |                       | 510-280-2137                |  | Open Sun 2-5             |                             | 510-748-1174/748-1168     |  | Open Sun 1-4             |                     | 510-652-8528                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Bayside Real Estate |                        | Mark Wyman/Quinn Stone       |  | Red Oak Realty              |                       | Francesco Papalia           |  | Gallagher & Lindsey      |                             | Mario Mariani/kirk Knight |  | Security Pacific R.E.    |                     | Cynthia Burke                   |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$600,000           | 2106 Alameda Ave       | 4BD/2BA                      |  | \$569,000                   | 1452 Portland Ave     | 3BD/2BA                     |  | \$715,000                | 1046 Middlefield Rd         | 4BD/2BA                   |  | \$749,000                | 8515 Buckingham     | 3+BD/2BA                        |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sun 2-4        |                        | 510-612-6567                 |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-527-2700 X39            |  | Sun. 2-4:30pm            |                             | 510-339-0400              |  | Open Sun 2-4             |                     | 510-669-0815                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Broker, Jerry       |                        |                              |  | Marvin Gardens              |                       | Meridee Carter              |  | The Grubb Co.            |                             | Anne VandYke              |  | Prudential Ca Realty     |                     | Louisa Reesor                   |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| \$626,000           | 505 Ironwood Rd        | 4BD/2.5BA                    |  | \$615,000                   | 851 Washington Ave    | 4+BD/2BA                    |  | \$739,000                | 1365 Alvarado Road          | 3BD/2.5BA                 |  | \$779,000                | 6501 Barrett Avenue | 6+BD/3+BA                       |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Open Sat & Sun 2-4  |                        | 510-814-4824                 |  | Open Sun 2-4                |                       | 510-280-2155                |  | Sun. 2-4:30pm            |                             | 510-339-0400              |  | Sun. 2-4:30              |                     | 510-798-4802                    |  |                       |                     |  |  |
| Harbor Bay Realty   |                        | Darin Vinali                 |  | Red Oak Realty              |                       | Josh Levine                 |  | The Grubb Co.            |                             | Tricia Swift              |  | C21 Heritage Real Estate |                     | Ismael Abdullah                 |  |                       |                     |  |  |



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| 10 Moss Avenue           | 2BD/2BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Reva Tolbert                         | \$429,000 634 61st St.<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>Pacific Union Real Estate        | 3+BD/2+BA<br>510-338-1381<br>Tom Nemeth            | \$625,000 4520 Harbord Drive<br>Sun. 1:30-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker             | 3BD/1BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Joan Duffield        | \$899,000 35 Agnes<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Prudential Ca Realty                   | 4BD/3BA<br>Upper Rockridge 510-428-0900<br>Barbara McQuaid   | \$1,595,000 16 Oak Court Road<br>Sun. 1-4<br>Coldwell Banker                   | 5BD/4BA<br>925-253-0416/510-547-1615<br>Jerilyn Babington |  |  |        |  |  |  |
| 3144 Pleinier Ave        | 2+BD/1BA<br>510-748-1161/748-1164<br>Jim Nations/Justin Francis | \$434,950 4750 Scotia Avenue<br>Sat. & Sun. 12-3<br>Valley Properties       | 3BD/2BA<br>925-454-2403<br>Judith Irwin            | \$625,000 475 Jean Street<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>The Grubb Co.                   | 4BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Dana Cohen           | \$899,000 7067 Skyline Blvd.<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>Pacific Union Real Estate      | 4+BD/3BA<br>510-338-1308<br>Dick Cohen                       | Piedmont   |   |  |  |        |  |  |  |
| 7431 Lockwood St         | 2BD/1BA<br>510-339-9290<br>Andrews Furtner                      | \$439,000 3857 Coolidge Ave<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Prudential Ca Realty      | 3BD/2BA<br>510-834-2010<br>Sandy Wong              | \$635,000 9120 Skyline Blvd.<br>Sun. 2-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker                | 4BD/3BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Lyndia Nayo          | \$899,000 7401 Woodrow Dr<br>Open 12-4PM<br>Broker                              | 4BD/3+BA<br>925-979-0297                                     | \$669,000 139 Sunnyside Ave<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Hill & Co. Real Estate       | 3BD/2BA<br>415-595-9853<br>Soni Goodman                   |  |  |        |  |  |  |
| 730 29th St #7           | Loft<br>510-280-2105<br>Sara Garabedian                         | \$445,000 6314 Majestic Avenue<br>Sun. 2-4:30<br>Coldwell Banker            | 2BD/1BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Karyn Selby-Miller      | \$639,000 6646 Heather Ridge Way<br>Sun. 2-5<br>Coldwell Banker               | 3+BD/2.5BA<br>510-339-4700<br>Joan Alford       | \$949,000 35 Bay Forest Court<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>The Grubb Co.                 | 3+BD/3.5BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Chris Cohn                     | \$699,000 23 Greenbank Ave.<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>Pacific Union Real Estate      | 3BD/2BA<br>510-338-1318<br>Dee Knowland                   |  |  |        |  |  |  |
| 325 Lenox #108           | 2BD/1.5BA<br>510-845-0211<br>Debra Alber                        | \$450,000 941 Bancroft Way<br>Sat & Sun. 12-4<br>Help-U-Sell East Bay       | 4BD/2BA<br>510-251-6000<br>Tony Wright             | \$649,000 1636 Trestle Glen Road<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>The Grubb Co.            | 2+BD/1BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Judith Cain         | \$970,000 6773 Sobraante Rd<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Prudential Ca Realty          | 3+BD/2.5BA<br>510-339-9290<br>Kriss Makris                   | \$1,149,000 527 Blair Ave.<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>The Grubb Co.                   | 3BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Nancy Lehrnick                 |  |  |        |  |  |  |
| 2230 Havenscourt Blvd    | 2BD/1BA<br>510-428-0900<br>Ted Normant                          | \$452,000 668 42nd Street<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>Wells & Bennett Realtors      | 3+BD/2BA<br>510-531-7006 x235<br>Frank Hennefer    | \$649,000 373 4th Street #2A<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>Wells & Bennett Realtors     | 2+BD/1BA<br>510-531-7000 x232<br>Tracy Butler   | \$995,000 5941 Pinewood Road<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>Pacific Union Real Estate      | 4BD/3.5BA<br>510-338-1305<br>Teri Carlisle                   | \$1,325,000 451 Wildwood Ave.<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>Pacific Union Real Estate    | 4+BD/4BA<br>510-338-1324<br>Roselle Woods                 |  |  |        |  |  |  |
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| 2944 Minna Ave           | 2+BD/1BA<br>510-868-1540<br>Eric Wong                           | \$479,000 3937 Rhoda Ave.<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>Pacific Union Real Estate     | 2BD/2BA<br>510-338-1354<br>Jennie A. Flanagan      | \$669,000 338 Warwick Avenue<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>The Grubb Co.                | 2BD/2BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Anne Feste           | \$1,095,000 6820 Thornhill Dr<br>Open Sun 2-4:30<br>Prudential Ca Realty        | 4+BD/4BA<br>510-339-9290<br>Howard Converse                  | \$2,465,000 4 Sierra Avenue<br>Sun. 2-4:30pm<br>The Grubb Co.                  | 6BD/3.5BA<br>510-339-0400<br>Jean Simmons                 |  |  |        |  |  |  |
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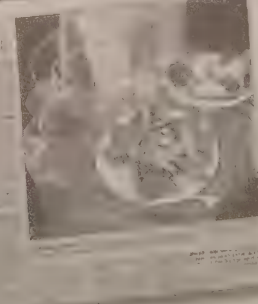
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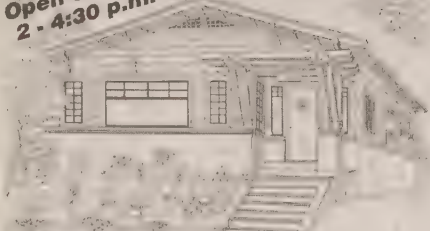
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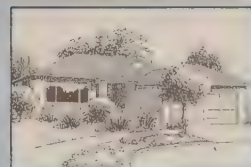
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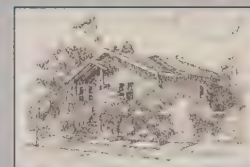
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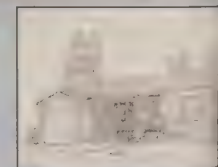
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# SPORTS

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Section C

## Berkeley survives defensive struggle

Yellow Jackets' lone comes on a fumble in Pinole Valley

By Ian M. Fein  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BERKELEY — The Berkeley School football team defeated Pinole Valley 7-0 in a defensive battle last Friday night. The Yellow Jackets' only coming on a first-quarter fumble return by defensive lineman Daniel Burley. Burley did not so much as recover a fumble as steal it from the Spartans' hands. Quarterback Anthony Lopez and running back Jeff Spellman seemed to serve as a catalyst for the game, in which

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both defenses rose to the occasion but neither offense could move the ball consistently.

The loss was especially painful for Pinole Valley, which still is searching for its first Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League win. The Spartans (1-6, 0-4 ACCAL) outgained Berkeley offensively but never were able to find the end zone.

Including Burley's touchdown, Pinole Valley lost three fumbles, each of which seemed to occur when the team was finally driving. At other times, the Spartans literally went backward, racking up seven offside penalties in the first half.

Pinole Valley's best chance to

score came in the game's final minute, after Trae Gates returned a Yellow Jackets punt 70 yards to bring the team within striking distance. A pass interference call and a short run brought the Spartans to a third-and-five situation at the 7-yard line with only 50 seconds left on the clock, but a lineman jumped offside, forcing the team to throw. Lopez's final two passes fell incomplete, as he finished 0-for-5 on the night.

"All we could do was run the ball," a dejected Pinole coach Steve Alameda said. "Luckily, we've got a good defense that kept us in the game."

The inspired Spartans defense held Berkeley (5-1, 4-0) to only 30 yards in the second half and caused three turnovers on the night.

In one instance, Yellow Jackets' leading rusher Antione Cokes, who finished with 92 yards and accounted for two-thirds of the team's offense, broke a 35-yard run and had only one man to beat. Unfortunately for Berkeley, that one man was Pinole Valley star defensive back Wopamo Osaisai, who promptly knocked the ball loose.

"Hats off to Pinole; they played one hell of a game," Berkeley coach Matt Bissell said. "We couldn't do what we wanted to and didn't do much at all."

The Yellow Jackets struggled offensively as well, managing only two first downs in the second half. Quarterback Jeff Spellman finished 2-of-10 for 9 yards,



PINOLE VALLEY'S Wopamo Osaisai, left, tackles Aaron Miles during their ACCAL football game. Berkeley won 7-0.

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### AL NOTEBOOK

## Hornets put it together to win crown

By Phil Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

Alameda High School boys water polo team had a strong core of seniors reeling this season.

Whether things had to fall apart for the Hornets to win what they did: an undefeated Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League season, an ACCAL championship title and an automatic berth in the North Coast tournament.

The Hornets needed a hole set by found one in Travis Mi-

chael, a couple guys there all of the sudden Travis leaving success," Alameda coach Robert Rodd said. "He became a really good hole set."

Alameda was also using a senior goalie in Jordan who impressed Rodd this season.

It was clear we were set at," Rodd said.

Speed wasn't a question

have three guys who are 50 or better in the 100 free," Rodd said. "We just try to use a flag reaction. We counter-attack. When there's a transition, it's as if a team goes to the end."

Hornets also have experience of the seven starters

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### AL NOTEBOOK

## Rock call backs off angles coach

By Orlando Molina  
STAFF WRITER

Alameda High School football coach Matty Felder doesn't mind losing his boys give 100 percent. But he does mind it when his team to go are taken away.

The bell that was the case on Oct. 24 during a 40-6 loss to Piedmont in Bay Shore Athletic League play.

The game was not pretty from start as the Highlanders' defense ran all over the offense for 90 yards and four touchdowns, one of which came, to take a 40-0 lead at halftime.

The Eagles didn't get on the board until the nine minute mark of the fourth quarter.

After all of the Eagles' problems on both sides of the ball, Felder remained understanding. What drew him was the usually mellow Felder's decision to have the second half on a running clock without a timeout.

Felder said the decision was by Kennedy athletic director Carroll Creighton. Attempts by Creighton were unsuccessful.

"We like to fight. To do something like this shows no confidence in our own staff," Felder said. "We fight to the end. I want to see what the score is, I want to see the clock down on our

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## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE 'D'



EL CERRITO'S defensive line of, from left, Tyson Quink, Eric Johnson, Erik Howard and Charles Towers, averages 286 pounds.

## Defense fuels Gauchos' surge

■ After a stumbling start, El Cerrito's veteran defensive unit has helped put the team in ACCAL title contention

By Orlando Molina  
STAFF WRITER

If one asks the defensive players of the El Cerrito High School football team what they think of their effort this season, they'll tell you it's simply a work in progress.

But upon closer inspection, despite returning nine of 11 starters from last year, the Gauchos defense has had to dig a little deeper to overcome stumbling blocks and progress into one of the league's stingiest units.

The Gauchos started the season on the wrong foot, going winless in three of their first four games, including a scoreless tie with Castlemont. But with every narrow win and heartbreaking loss, Gauchos coach George Austin has found steppingstones

for each of his players.

"You have to have a short memory (as a player), and as a coach you have to give them something to hang their hats on," he said. "That Castlemont game was a very tough, well-played game. We did all we should have done. Our defense shut them down. That day I knew we could play defense."

The Gauchos feature what is arguably the ACCAL's biggest four-man front in Erik Howard, Charles Towers, Eric Johnson and Tyson Quink, who average 6-foot-2 and 286 pounds. Howard alone tips the scales at 330 pounds.

But size and weight without a working scheme rarely lead to success.

Since taking over for Frank Milo two seasons ago, Austin switched from a five-man front to the current four-man format. He figured his starting quartet was big and agile enough to stuff the run and put heat on opposing quarterbacks to free up his linebackers to cover the flats.

"We definitely shut down the run. People used to run on us, but we got it together," Quink said.

But in addition to a solid line, it also takes a great secondary to put up the wins.

Taking on Alameda in the league opener Oct. 3, the Gauchos found this out the hard way. The secondary was torched for 219 yards passing with touchdown tosses of 23, 26, 38, and 36 yards in a 25-6 loss.

"Alameda was a turning point. We got exposed and we had to regroup," Austin said. "That was the only game I can point to and say they stopped playing. The guys started to doubt themselves."

As a result, the secondary switched from zone to man coverage, Austin said. He also made sure that his players approached each play with more aggression as opposed to their previous style of rep and pursuit.

So far the change has helped, benefiting players such as free safety James Cannon, strong safety Rafael Warren and cor-

nerback Tyrone Johnson. Austin said his secondary no longer plays on its heels and refuses to let the opposition dictate the outcome.

Since that debacle against Alameda, the Gauchos have won their last three contests while the defense has given up 28 points over the three games. One of those wins was a shutout of Hercules last week.

"There's unity on the team," said Howard. "We play together as a unit and get our assignments done."

El Cerrito is tied for second place with Encinal in the ACCAL standings, with three games to play. Two of those remaining games are against the Jets and league leader Berkeley.

El Cerrito takes on Richmond at home this afternoon at 4. But while not trying to look past the winless Oilers, the Gauchos know they've come a long way and the big tests are yet to come.

"The coach wants us to go for excellence," Howard said. "We haven't peaked, yet."

### PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Panthers can't outlast the Pilots

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

It ain't over 'til it's over, but the fortunes of the St. Joseph Notre Dame girls volleyball team are looking pretty good after the Pilots defeated St. Mary's 25-23, 18-25, 25-16, 25-23 Monday night in Alameda.

St. Joseph (20-3, 10-1) in the Bay Shore Athletic League) is tied with Albany for the league lead. The Pilots have one BSAL game left — Tuesday at Piedmont; the other contenders — Albany (10-1) and St. Mary's (9-2) have two games left.

If the current standings hold true to form — and they should — St. Joseph's would end Albany's nine-year run of league championships and would have the home gym advantage throughout the BSAL playoffs, which start Nov. 11.

It's a big advantage. "We haven't lost at home all year," Pilots coach Marcus Young said after Ashley Mihok's match-winning kill put the capper on St. Joseph's win in the fourth game "It's a huge advantage for us."

The Pilots lost at St. Mary's in five games on Sept. 23 and were taken to five games by Holy Names on Oct. 23 after sweeping Albany in three games on Oct. 21. St. Mary's had lost only to Albany and was hoping that its tall front line could negate the Pilots' quickness.

"We had to attack on the outside," Young said. "If we get the ball in the middle, we'd get the ball blocked right back at us."

That strategy worked for the most part. The Pilots were able to take an 11-3 lead in the first game, capping an eight-point run when Sabrina Sudarsana managed a kill after a long rally. The Panthers, however, were able to direct the ball back into the middle where Natalie Bogan, Martha Ryan and Brittany Murrey could overwhelm the smaller Pilots. A kill by Briana Redman and one by Ryan helped bring St. Mary's back for a 15-14 lead.

Tied at 17-17, the Panthers forged ahead 21-17 with the help of a Ryan kill, two aces from Alesha Woodruff and a tip by Murrey. St. Joseph regained its momentum by turning to Sabrina Sudarsana, the Pilots' best player. All she did was get four kills (sister Kerri had one) to regain the lead at 22-21. The Panthers tied the game at 22-22, but Kerri Sudarsana had a kill, the Panthers suffered a net ball and Sabrina Sudarsana finished the game off with a kill.

The Panthers took control of the second game by racing off to an 8-1 lead as Janie Barnes had three aces. St. Joseph fought back to within 8-6 as Sabrina Sudarsana capped another long rally with a kill, but the Pilots were never able to quite make it all the way back. The Panthers had runs of five, three and four points to keep St. Joseph at bay. Bogan had a kill and the Pilots hit the ball out for the final two points.

St. Joseph reversed the trend in the third game by going out to a 7-1 lead as Kerri Sudarsana had two kills and a block and Eboni Robinson had a kill. As was the case in the second game, St. Mary's was never able to close

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## THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL GAMES

ACCAL  
Berkeley at De Anza

■ **WHERE:** De Anza High School, 5000 Valley View Road, Richmond

■ **WHEN:** Today, 4 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Berkeley 5-1, 4-0 ACCAL; De Anza 2-5, 1-3

■ **LAST WEEK:** Berkeley beat Pinole Valley 7-0, De Anza lost to Encinal 33-14

■ **FACTS:** Pinole Valley outgained the Yellow Jackets 165-139 in last week's game and Berkeley committed four turnovers. The Dons also had four turnovers in their loss to Encinal but outgained the Jets 343-169.

## Richmond at El Cerrito

■ **WHERE:** El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave.

■ **WHEN:** Today, 4 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Richmond 0-7, 0-4 ACCAL; El Cerrito 4-2-1, 3-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** Richmond lost to Alameda 48-0, El Cerrito beat Hercules 32-0

■ **FACTS:** It took the Oilers 58 seconds to give up a score as Hornets linebacker David Han picked off a Francisco Rugama pass for a 30-yard touchdown to take the lead for good. The Gauchos have won their last three contests, outscoring the opposition 84-28. According to Gauchos coach George Austin, defensive lineman Tyson Quink has 10 sacks in that same three-game span.

BSAL  
John Swett at St. Mary's

■ **WHERE:** St. Mary's High School, Albina Ave and Hopkins St., Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** John Swett 7-0, 2-0 BSAL; St. Mary's 3-4, 1-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** John Swett beat Al-

bany 40-14, St. Mary's beat St. Patrick 14-7

■ **FACTS:** The Indians are 17-0 in regular-season games dating back to the start of the 2002 season. Panthers running back Fred Hives ranks fifth in the region in rushing with 831 yards.

## Albany at Piedmont

■ **WHERE:** Witter Field, Piedmont

■ **WHEN:** Today, 7 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Albany 1-5, 1-1 BSAL; Piedmont 5-0-1, 2-0

■ **LAST WEEK:** Albany lost to John Swett 40-14, Piedmont defeated Kennedy 40-6

■ **FACTS:** The Cougars gave up 452 rushing yards to the Indians. The Highlanders have gained 403 yards on the ground in their last two games. Piedmont running back Brandon Paris has scored eight touchdowns in the past two games.

## PREP FOOTBALL POLL

| Rank | School        | Record | Comment   |
|------|---------------|--------|---|
| 1.   | De La Salle   | 7-0    | What part of the U.S. map might the Spartans conquer next?        |
| 2.   | Foothill      | 6-1    | Forty-four unanswered points does the trick against SRV           |
| 3.   | Pittsburg     | 6-0-1  | Tough Clayton Valley 'D' is good matchup for Pitt's explosiveness |
| 4.   | Miramonte     | 6-1    | So much for that momentum Campolindo had going                    |
| 5.   | Monte Vista   | 6-1    | Andrew Brumley does his best Tom Haug impersonation               |
| 6.   | Skyline       | 4-2    | Titans force five turnovers in rout of McClintocks                |
| 7.   | Antioch       | 5-1    | Last week's bye may have helped RB Brent Casteel get healthy      |
| 8.   | Hayward       | 6-1    | Robert Jordan's four TDs pace blowout of Tennyson                 |
| 9.   | Amador Valley | 5-2    | If you want to beat the Dons, you better stop the run             |
| 10.  | Campolindo    | 6-1    | Cougars may get another shot at Miramonte in NCS playoffs         |

Others receiving votes: John Swett (7-0), Clayton Valley (6-1). The Times football poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers.

## Football

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along with an interception.

El Cerrito 32, Hercules 0: The Gauchos were the homecoming host but the Titans provided all the gifts, turning the ball over four times in the game's first 15 minutes. The Gauchos took advantage with three early touchdowns and rolled to a victory.

El Cerrito (4-2-1, 3-1 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) grabbed two fumbles deep in Hercules territory, and twice picked off Titans quarterback Steven Porter. Gauchos halfback Mario Cox made the visitors pay with two touchdowns runs.

The junior ran in from 23 yards to give El Cerrito a 13-0 lead, and on the next possession sliced through the Titans defensive line and ran in untouched from 36 yards out, and the Gauchos had a 19-0 halftime lead.

El Cerrito coach George Austin said his defense provided the bulk of the evening's highlights.

"They keep getting better and better," Austin said. "I think they really began finding themselves after the Castlemont game (a 0-0 tie in September) and now that league play is getting more intense, they're really lifted their game."

Austin also had words of praise for freshman quarterback Don Miguel Tutass (6-for-14 passing for 124 yards with no interceptions).

"I was very impressed with that young man tonight. He doesn't make mistakes out there."

Tutass threw for the game's first score, a 39-yard hookup with senior Kourtland Blackburn. Tutass was involved in both second half scoring plays, a 3-yard quarterback keeper and a 23-yard pass to end James Cannon.

Hercules (1-6, 1-3 ACCAL) had a chance to put points on the board late in the fourth quarter. Backup quarterback Michael Dolan led the Titans to the El Cerrito 4, before being sacked on fourth down and turning the ball over to the Gauchos, who ran out the clock.

St. Mary's 14, St. Patrick 7: St. Mary's' run-it-up-the-gut approach was hardly flashy or dramatic, but it worked well enough

for a hard-earned Bay Shore Athletic League win. It was the Bruins' third straight loss.

St. Mary's (3-4, 1-1 BSAL) split rushing duties down the middle among running backs Fred Hives and Jason Haller. Hives had 76 yards on 15 carries, and Haller totaled 75 yards on 14 carries. It was Haller who scored on a 6-yard run with 9:22 left to give St. Mary's the lead in a game that had been deadlocked at 7-7 since the second quarter.

"For us, the big focus was to play error-free football," Panthers coach Jay Lawson said. "We turned it over six times against Oakland Tech and had (two big plays) taken back for first-half touchdowns by El Cerrito. Our goal was to stay in the game in the first half, as we seem to play better in the second. This was a big win for us psychologically. We needed this one bad."

Aside from one second-quarter fumble, the Panthers achieved that mistake-free goal. The Bruins (4-3, 0-2) fumbled three times, including coughing up the ball at their own 27 to set up the go-ahead score. St. Patrick also committed a few inopportune penalties, such as having 12 players on the field to give the Panthers a key late-game first down and the ability to run out the clock.

St. Mary's took the initial lead with 2:04 left in the first quarter. Quarterback David Pezzola, making his second straight start in place of the injured Scott Tully, hooked up with Jason Holloway on a 19-yard touchdown strike. The Bruins tied the game with 4:45 left in the first half on a great catch by a persistent Kyle Kesterloot, who batted a Brett Muratori pass up three times before securing the ball for a 35-yard scoring play.

John Swett 40, Albany 14: In one quarter against Albany on Saturday, John Swett showed why it is one of the top rushing teams in the region.

Trailing 6-0 entering the second quarter, the Indians gained 178 yards on the ground and scored three touchdowns before halftime on their way to a win in Bay Shore Athletic League play.

John Swett (7-0, 2-0 BSAL) finished with 452 yards rushing and had three players run for more than 100 yards: Nate Boatwright (190 yards, 16 car-

ries), Tori Johnson (115 yards, eight carries) and Marshaun Dyer (103 yards, 11 carries).

Brad Phelps of Albany (1-6, 1-1) opened the scoring as he burst through a hole for a 34-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. It was the first time this season that John Swett has trailed, according to coach John Angell.

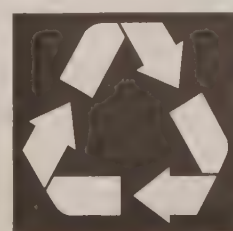
But on John Swett's next possession, the Indians drove 62 yards to the end zone. Boatwright, who was one of three John Swett players who did not start due to team disciplinary action, entered on the first play of the second quarter and gained 22 yards on two carries in the drive. It was capped by a 2-yard run by James Porter with 10:19 left in the second quarter.

With 6:44 remaining in the quarter, Boatwright escaped tackles and reached into the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown run. On the first play of John Swett's next possession, Johnson sprinted 89 yards down the left sideline for a score, and a two-point conversion run by Boatwright gave John Swett a 20-6 lead with 4:05 left in the half.

"Everybody got their blocks down. If we execute like that, you get perfect plays," Johnson said. "Without the linemen, I would have nowhere to run. I give all my props to the linemen."

The Cougars narrowed the score to 20-14 with 54 seconds left in the first half on Drew Southern's shovel pass to Jermaine Slaughter for a 12-yard touchdown and a two-point conversion run by Phelps. But the Indians limited the Cougars to 20 second-half yards, and John Swett had 209 yards and three touchdowns in the second half.

Staff writers Mike Wood, Phil Jensen and Kibby Kleiman contributed to this roundup.



## SCOREBOARD

## Football

## PREP

## ACCAL standings

| W    | L | T | PF  | PA  | Ovr       |
|------|---|---|-----|-----|-----------|
| Ala  | 4 | 0 | 135 | 44  | 6-1-0     |
| Berk | 4 | 0 | 155 | 51  | 6-1-0     |
| EC   | 3 | 1 | 0   | 90  | 53 4-2-1  |
| Enc  | 3 | 1 | 0   | 118 | 79 5-1-1  |
| DA   | 1 | 3 | 0   | 72  | 116 2-5-0 |
| Herc | 1 | 3 | 0   | 55  | 130 1-6-0 |
| PV   | 0 | 4 | 0   | 47  | 77 1-6-0  |
| Rich | 0 | 4 | 0   | 44  | 202 0-7-0 |

## Today's Games

Alameda at Hercules, 3 p.m.

Berkeley at De Anza, 4 p.m.

Richmond at El Cerrito, 4 p.m.

Encinal at Pinole Valley, 4 p.m.

El Cerrito 32, Hercules 0

Hercules 0 0 0 0 0 0

El Cerrito 7 12 13 0 32

Griffin kick

EC — Cox 23 run (kick failed)

EC — Cox 38 run (pass failed)

EC — Tutass 3 run (kick failed)

EC — Cannon 23 pass from Tutass

Griffin kick

H 8 17

First downs 34-101

Rushing yards 6-21-2

Passing yards 6-14-0

Passing yards 68 124

Total offense 168 356

Fumbles/lost 0 0 0 0 0 0

Records: Pinole Valley 1-6, 0-4 ACCAL; Berkeley 5-1, 4-0.

Fumbles/lost 4/2 0/0

Individual statistics

Rushing: H — Porter 16-49, Maynard 10-36, Dolan 3-9, Oliver 2-9, Burton 1-3, Nguyen 1-2, Allen 1-1, 7-1 EC — Cox 17-1-6, Johnson 4-45, Williams 6-10, Tutass 5-19, Cannon 2-14, Thomas 2-8

Passing: H — Dolan 4-6-0 64, Porter 2-12-2-4 EC — Tutass 8-14-0 124

Receiving: H — Porter 2-46, Nguyen 2-11, Pierce 1-10, Allen 1-1 EC — Cannon 2-52, Blackburn 2-47, Brown 1-23, Norman 1-2

Records: Hercules 1-6, 1-3 ACCAL; El Cerrito 4-2-1, 3-1

Berkeley 7 0 0 0 0 0

Pinole Valley 0 0 0 0 0 0

Berkeley 7 0 0 0 0 0

B — Burley 45 fumble return (Meneses kick)

First downs 12 5

Rushing yards 49-165 27-130

Passing yards 0 9-9

Total offense 165 139

Fumbles/lost 3/2 3/2

Individual statistics

Rushing: PV — Jones 12-76, Hardy 13-53, Gates 13-30, Lopez 9-6, McDaniel 1-4, Olanoff 1-4-0, B — Cokes 17-92, James 2-40, Brown 2-4, Spellman 5-0, Miles 1-6

Passing: PV — Lopez 0-5-0 0-0

Receiving: PV — None 0-0-0 0-0

Records: Pinole Valley 1-6, 0-4 ACCAL; Berkeley 5-1, 4-0.

BSAL standings

W L T PF PA Ovr

JSWett 2 0 0 97 20 7-0-0

Alb 1 0 0 79 18 5-0-1

AB 1 0 0 44 67 1-6-0

SM 1 0 0 41 37 3-4-0

Kn 0 2 0 12 97 0-6-0

SP 0 2 0 19 33 4-3-0

Friday's result

Piedmont 40, Kennedy 6

Oct. 25 results

St. Mary's 14, St. Patrick 7

John Swett 40, Albany 14

Albany at Piedmont, 7 p.m.

St. Patrick at Kennedy, 5 p.m.

Saturday's game

John Swett at St. Mary's, 1:30 p.m.

St. Mary's 14, St. Patrick 7

St. Patrick 0 0 0 0 0 0

St. Mary's 7 0 0 7 14

SM — Holloway 19 pass from Pezzola (Pezzola kick)

SP — Kesterloot 35 pass from Muratori (Lette kick)

SM — Haller 6 run (Pezzola kick)

Individual statistics

Rushing: SP — Muratori 14-86, Blakeley 13-75, DeLeon 5-44, Kesterloot 2-8

SM — Hives 15-76, Haller 14-75, Tatum

and three St. Mary's errors, scored seven straight points to climb back into the game and take a 12-11 lead. It was the crucial swing in the entire match.

## Volleyball

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the gap, coming within five points on four occasions. The Panthers scored three straight points, the last one on a Jasmine Frye ace, to cut the lead to 22-16, but St. Joseph scored the next three points (the last on a Kerri Sudarsana kill) to take the game.

The Panthers, behind two Pilots errors, a Kimmie Broussard block, a Shantae Broussard kill and a Woodruff ace, took a 5-0 lead in the fourth game and expanded it to 11-4, taking advantage of several St. Joseph mistakes. But the Pilots, led by Sabrina Sudarsana's three kills, an Ashley Mihok block

and three St. Mary's errors, scored seven straight points to climb back into the game and take a 12-11 lead. It was the crucial swing in the entire match.

The Panthers tied the game at 12-12 on a Bogan kill but gradually fell behind 21-15 as Mihok had a block and a kill, Sabrina Sudarsana had three kills and Robinson had a kill.

The Panthers' last gasp was a good one as they scored six straight points for a 22-21 lead. Bogan had a kill, Sarah Brakovich an ace and Murray a block as St. Mary's was able to funnel everything into the middle. But Mihok and Sabrina Sudarsana scored on tips to pull the Pilots ahead at 23-22. Bogan manage a

kill to tie the game at 22-22. Princess Tacorda had a point and after a timeout had the match-winning

"I was just so relieved it went in," Mihok winning kill. "We knew a great blocking team and we just had to out-we were in our gym and we just wanted it more. We missed 10 sets some of those came times," St. Mary's Caraway said. "We did lot of balls down from side positions. I did officiating helped us. You have to give credit Joe's. They played great own gym."

## ACCAL

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"This is their year. This is do-or-die this year," Rodd said.

Neal Hamilton and Bill Richardson both started last season, and Miranda also started although not at hole set. The Hornets (18-6 overall) were 7-0 in the ACCAL regular season this year, then outscored its three opponents 39-15 in the ACCAL tournament.

"Travis Miranda, Neal Hamil-

ton and Bill Richason have been the mainstay of that team for four years," Pinole Valley coach Jim Ulversoy said. "They're fast. They feed off that counter-attack."

Alameda will find out who its NCS first-round opponent will be on Wednesday at the NCS at-large and seeding meeting.

**GIRLS TENNIS:** Berkeley and Alameda, which are ACCAL co-champions, will face each other in a playoff on Nov. 7 to determine which team gets the

league's automatic NCS team tournament. The off will be held at Hart Club in Alameda at 3:30 p.m.

The ACCAL championship tournament will take Tuesday and Wednesday Alameda High School will start at 12:30 p.m. The singles and doubles championship winners will automatically qualify for the NCS championships.

## BSAL

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## HEAD OF THE CLASS

The St. Joseph volleyball team is sitting pretty atop the BSAL standings to start the week after pulling off two stunners in a two-week span.

Throughout the season, much of the attention went toward Albany and St. Mary's as many predicted a two-team race for the league crown. But the Pilots, in their own quiet fashion, kept pace, staying no more than a heart beat behind in the standings.

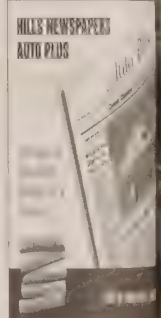
St. Joseph finally made it's move on Oct. 21 when it took out Albany in three games 25-21, 25-18, 25-17.

Sabrina Sudarsana led the way with 13 kills and 12 digs and Elyce Martinez collected 27 assists and six digs.

The win was significant as it created a three-way tie for first place with St. Mary's and Albany, and it marked the Cougars' third loss in league play in seven years. The previous two came in 2000. The Pilots' roll didn't stop

there. After their five-game squeaker past Holy Names on Oct. 23, the Pilots took over first place by beating St. Mary's 25-23, 18-25, 25-16, 25-23 Oct. 27. Sudarsana put up a prime performance with 26 kills and 22 digs. Kerri Sudarsana followed with 15 kills, 10 digs, and two blocks. And Martinez posted 39 assists and 10 digs.

The victory gives St. Joseph a nine-match winning streak to start the week and adds a measure of revenge for the Pilots when one considers their last loss came against the Panthers Sept. 23.



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## Reviews

FROM PAGE C3

**"RUNAWAY JURY":** The typical formulaic John Grisham thriller where you know right will prevail, against considerable odds, but you still have fun trying to figure out precisely how. This one works because it features so much ambiguity. The only clear-cut good guy is Dustin Hoffman as an idealistic attorney challenging gun manufacturers. Gene Hackman is the shark trying to rig the jury, and John Cusack plays a prospective juror with a hidden agenda and a greedy girlfriend. Not deep, and it doesn't stretch Hackman and Hoffman's acting capacities, but suspenseful and engaging. — M. Pols (PG-13: violence, language and thematic elements.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. B

**"THE RUNDOWN":** This movie is equal parts "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Romancing the Stone." The Rock takes us on a run ride as Beck, a collector for an L.A. bookie. He "runs down" guys who owe money, even if they're big, beefy football stars. But Beck years to be a chef like his hero, Emeril. Of course there's one last job, one last client to run down — the bookie's son, Travis, played with a gooty adventurousness by Seann William Scott. The kid is hunting treasure in the Amazon and Beck goes to fetch him. The local gold-mining baron is played with bawling hilarity by that villain's villain, Christopher Walken. — R. Moore. (PG-13: adventure violence, some crude dialogue.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B

**"SCARY MOVIE 3":** The Wayans brothers have passed the scary-movie spool baton to the "Airplane" guys, with tepid results. The movie has no edge, no "flava." It plays like 80 minutes of "Naked Gun" rejects, complete with an aging, less funny Leslie Nielsen, a sputtering Charlie "Hot Shots" Sheen, and for good measure, Pamela Anderson. — R. Moore. (PG-13: pervasive crude and sexual humor, language, comedic violence and drug references.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. D

**"SCHOOL OF ROCK":** Jack Black stars as Dewey Finn in this happy, crowd-pleasing package with an offbeat, slightly demented script. He's a guitarist with delusions of being a musical deity. Fired from his latest ensemble, desperate for cash to enter a battle-of-the-bands contest and have his revenge, Dewey passes himself off as his substitute-teacher roommate (Mike White) and takes a job at a swank prep school. Put Black in a classroom of uptight, uniformed over-achievers who now have an aimless sub for a teacher, and watch the sparks fly. — R. Moore. (PG-13: rude humor and drug references.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B+

**"SPELLBOUND":** This Academy Award-nominated documentary is ostensibly about the National Spelling Bee, told through the stories of eight kids who made it to the 1999 finals. But that makes it sound so dry, and this is such a passionate and engaging movie. You

fall hard for eight very distinct and somewhat peculiar children, and at the same time, are movingly reminded of all the best things about the melting pot and the American dream. Sharp, clever editing enhances the natural tension of the bee, and filmmakers Jeff Blitz and Sean Welch know how to use irony while remaining good-hearted and true to their subjects. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. A

**"THE STATION AGENT":** A reticent dwarf, a grieving mother and a chatty hot-dog vendor walk into a bar. Actually, they drink beer on a porch, but you get the idea. It sounds like the setup to a joke, but it's the premise of this small film bursting with insightful humor, unforced poignancy and beautifully drawn characters. Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson and Bobby Cannavale vividly portray three lonely people in rural New Jersey who form an unlikely social circle, despite their antisocial tendencies. That they're all oddballs and misfits may sound a bit too precious, but writer-director Tom McCarthy has developed the characters beautifully. — C. Lemire. (R language, some drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

**"STEP INTO LIQUID":** Filmmaker Dana Brown's father, Bruce Brown, made the 1966 film "The Endless Summer," which followed a group of surfing champions on a world tour and became one of the most successful documentaries of all time. The personnel may be different and the technology may have changed, but the format's appeal remains. With its astounding views of angry seascapes, its handsome young men (and a few women) poised atop 10-foot waves with the serenity and aplomb of an equestrian statue in Central Park, a nonstop soundtrack of old and new surfing songs and a pervasive philosophy that views life as fun and self-fulfillment as the highest good, what is there not to like? Like his father, Brown has the magical ability to take his public on a two-hour vacation. It's the next best thing to being there. — D. Kehr. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B

**"SYLVIA":** The illustrated Sylvia Plath, focusing on the love story between the doomed American poetess, played convincingly here by Gwyneth Paltrow, and her husband, Ted Hughes (Daniel Craig). Christine Jeffs' film is very pretty and quite moving in places, but it doesn't shed any new light on the life and death of the last century's most celebrated female poet. John Brownlow's script is generally overly polite and cautious, but it does make one dangerous leap, a suggestion for the motivation behind Plath's suicide that scholars will probably dispute. Paltrow's mother, Blythe Danner, shows up as Plath's mother, a great bit of casting that feels wasted when we only get one sharp, suggestive scene between them. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B-

**"THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE":** Here it is, a slaughterhouse set in a slaughterhouse, complete with body parts, internal organs, blood spurts, torture, senseless murder and

mayhem. It's a tale of teens on their way to a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert in 1973. They pick up the wrong hitchhiker, stop to call for help in the wrong town and wind up hunted by Leatherface, the prototype for every faceless, soulless monster from Jason to Buffalo Bill. This is as depressing as movies get. — R. Moore. (R: strong horror violence/gore, language and drug content.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. D-

**"THIRTEEN":** It's the story of two teenage girls who have just moved past stuffed animals into sex, shoplifting and self-mutilation. We follow Tracy (Evan Rachel Wood) in her abrupt transformation from good girl to sullen troublemaker, under the wing of seductive bad seed Evie (Nikki Reed). Tracy's mom (played by Holly Hunter) seems clueless and overwhelmed. The story occasionally veers into melodrama. In addition to Tracy's sudden conversion to sex, drugs, piercing and purse-snatching, almost all the adults are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. The film has been rated R, which raises one troubling question. How can a movie with so much to say to adolescent girls be made off-limits to them unless they're accompanied by a parent or guardian? — B. Newman. (R: profanity, sexuality, drug use, scenes of self-mutilation.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

**"TIBET: CRY OF THE SNOW LION":** Tom Peosay's documentary is an impeccably made and often moving account of the captive nation of Tibet, forcibly annexed by China more than 50 years ago. Using material gathered during 10 years, the film functions as both a breathtaking travelogue and a political provocation, offering convincing evidence of the Chinese government's determination to wipe out Tibetan culture and identity. — D. Kehr. (NR) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B+

**"UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN":** Generalizations are risky, but anyone wanting to know the answer to the eternal question "What do women want?" (or rather, women over 35) need look no farther than Audrey Wells' frothy adaptation of Frances Mayes' best seller. A woman (Diane Lane) gets dumped, despairs, goes sightseeing in Italy, buys a rundown villa in a small Tuscan hill town, cooks fabulous meals for friends, takes a gorgeous lover and essentially assumes a whole new identity. This is how we should all be dumped. The really nice thing about the movie, aside from Lane's warm, vulnerable performance, is its focus on how we recover from lost love, rather than the pursuit of a fresh one. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B+

**"UNDERWORLD":** Kate Beckinsale stars as Selene, a vampire soldier who belongs to a gang of tragically hip, pistol-wielding bloodsuckers. The vampires are at war with werewolves, and have been for centuries. The wolves are trying to capture Michael Corvin (Scott Speedman), who is a human heir to the ancient family from which both the vampires and werewolves sprang. Gunfire ensues, empty ammunition clips plunge ominously to the floor, people flip back

ward in the air, the audience yawns. — A. Braznician. (R: violence, gore, mild profanity.) 1 hour, 2 hours. D+

**"VERONICA GUERIN":** This scaled-down, no-frills, straight-acting piece on the events leading up to the murder of a real-life Irish crusader/journalist stars Cate Blanchett in the title role. Guerin dared to uncover the dark truth about drug dealers in Dublin and paid dearly for it. Director Joel Schumacher makes the mistake of opening his film with Guerin's brutal murder and then flashing back to depict the incidents that preceded her death. Knowing how she died and just how much her husband and children are about to lose, it's tough to sit there and admire Guerin for her spunk and determination to stand up for what she believes. — J. Baltake. (R: violence, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

**"WHALE RIDER":** A retelling of an old Maori legend about a tribe that believes its origins can be traced to Paikaea, a man who arrived on their shores on the back of a whale. The name and tribal duties are traditionally passed on to the eldest male child of Paikaea's descendants. But when a male baby dies at birth, along with his mother, leaving behind a twin sister, the lineage is disrupted. The baby's grieving father names her Paikaea in defiance and leaves town. Twelve years later, Paikaea (the enchanting Keisha Castle-Hughes) struggles to be accepted as leader by her traditional grandfather, Koro (Rawiri Paratene). This is a spiritual and inspiring movie that richly deserves the audience awards it won at the Sundance, Toronto and Rotterdam film festivals. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief language, momentary drug reference.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. A-

**"WINGED MIGRATION":** Jacques Perrin's breathtaking documentary of migrating birds transports you to an exalted realm, where nature operates under its own inviolable laws. For much of the movie, filmed over three years using five crews — including 17 pilots and 14 cinematographers — the camera flies alongside, above and below many species of birds as they make their annual round trips. It may sound facetious, but "Winged Migration" provides such an intense vicarious experience of being a flapping airborne creature that you leave the theater feeling like an honorary member of another species. — S. Holden. (G) 1 hour, 39 minutes. A

**"WONDERLAND":** This seamy true story of the 1981 drug-related murders on L.A.'s Wonderland Avenue stars Val Kilmer as former (and now deceased) porn star John Holmes. The murders themselves were indeed messy, but they can't compare to the disarray that is this film. It plays point-of-view games to imagine ever-more gruesome ways in which Holmes could have been involved in the gnarly murders of four of his cocaine suppliers. It's hard to care what really happened on Wonderland Avenue when you hate the neighborhood. — J. Bernard. (R: strong violence, grisly images, pervasive drug use and language, some sexuality and nudity.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. D



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**101. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 510-451-1932 or www.oaklandbox.com**

**TRANSPARENT THEATER** — "The No Ghost Hamlet" by William Shakespeare, through Nov. 23. The original dialogue of Shakespeare's play has been placed into a modern, domestic setting with Hamlet, as a woman, arriving home from college to mourn her father's death, only to find her mother set to marry her abusive uncle. In addition, Hamlet is having an affair with his neighbor, Ophelia.

**225. Thursday, pay-what-you-can Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.: Sunday, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheater.org**

**TRAVELING JEWISH THEATER AND WORD FOR WORD** — "Windows and Mirrors: Stories by Paley, Malamud and Biller," Nov. 6 through Nov. 9. \$20 to \$28 general; \$20 seniors, students, children. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2650 College Ave., Berkeley. 525-798-1300

**POPULAR MUSIC**

**ARTS FIRST OAKLAND** — "Share the Music," Nov. 2, 4 p.m. A showcase of local cultural treasures, including performances by Vocalist and Street Sounds, Great Wall Youth Orchestra and the First Congregational Church Voices of Praise.

**\$10 general; \$7 seniors, students. First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland. 510-444-8511, ext. 15, or www.artsfirstoakland.org**

**ASHKENAZ** — "Halloween Party with The Venusians and The Next Generation," Oct. 31, 9:30 p.m. \$13. Groundation, Nov. 1, 9:30 p.m. \$12. "Rastafan Celebration of the 73rd Anniversary of the Coronation of Haile Selassie and Empress Menen," Nov. 2, 8 p.m. A night of reggae and spoken word performances. \$10. Anoush, Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m. \$9.

"Peter Tosh Tribute with Andrew Tosh and Sister I-Live," Nov. 8, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

"Hawaiian Music Environmental Benefit," Nov. 9, 6 p.m. A night of Hawaiian and island music. \$12.

**1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley 510-525-5055 or www.ashkenaz.com**

**BECKETT'S IRISH PUB** — Sterling Dervish, Oct. 31. Nicole McRory, Nov. 1. Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

**2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com**

**BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH** — "Halloween Costume and Dance Party with Fast Times," Oct. 31. \$8. The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays. \$4.

**For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley 510-848-0886 or www.blakesontelegraph.com**

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**CAL PERFORMANCES** — Wynton Marsalis Quintet, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. \$30 to \$62. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-842-9988 or www.calperforms.berkeley.edu

**DOWNTOWN** — Danny Caron and Friends, Oct. 31. Brian Melvin, Nov. 1. Mimi Fox Solo Guitar, Nov. 4.

**Jules Broussard, Bing Nathan, Ned Boynton, Nov. 5. Keni El Lebrijano Flamenco Guitar, Nov. 8.**

**Trio Paradiso dinner event, Nov. 7 Rhonda Benin, Nov. 8.**

**Free. Tuesday through Thursday at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-3810 or www.downtownrestaurant.com**

**FREIGHT AND SALVAGE** — Patrick Ball, Nov. 1. \$16.50 to \$17.50. Forward Kwenda, Erica Azim, Nov. 2. \$16.50 to \$17.50.

**Ron Stewart, Roland White, Jim Hurst, Missy Raines, Bill Evans, Nov. 3. \$17.50 to \$18.50.**

**Eliza Gillyson, Nov. 5. \$15.50 to \$16.50. David Knopfler, Nov. 6. \$15.50 to \$16.50.**

**Chris Smith, Peter Mulvey, Nov. 7 and Nov. 8. \$17.50 to \$18.50. Bill Amateek, Charlie Chin, Nov. 9. \$15.50 to \$16.50.**

**Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org**

**KIMBALLS EAST** — Glenn Jones, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. \$28. Down to the Bone, Nov. 7 through Nov. 9. \$28.

**Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 6005 Shellmond St., Emeryville. 510-762-BASS or www.kimballs.com**

**LA PEÑA CULTURAL CENTER** — "Para Nuestros Antepasados," Nov. 1, 9 p.m. The opening concert of the "Hecho en Calitas" festival. \$10 to \$12.

**Luchi Fuentes, Nov. 8, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org**

**MCGRATH'S IRISH PUB** — "Sea Chanties and Songs of the Waterways," Tuesday, 8 p.m. Free. 1539 Lincoln Ave., Alameda. 510-552-6263 or www.mcgrathspub.com

**924 GILMAN ST.** — Babyland, Plan 9, John Baker and the Malnourished, Ashtray, Oct. 31. Halloween show. Deadfall, Brain Failure, Hang on the Box, Love Songs, Nov. 1.

**Time For Living, Physical Challenge, Tarkara, Nov. 7. Thought Riot, F. Minus, Affront, Go It Alone, Nov. 8.**

**All ages welcome. Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926 or www.924gilman.org**

**OAKLAND BOX THEATER** — "The All Hollows Eve Jam," Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m. to midnight. A safe night for young people ages 14 to 20 with music, dancing and costumes. \$5 to \$7.

**"Tuesday Night Oakland Box Series," 8**

p.m. Live and experimental music. \$6 to \$1000.

**Nov. 4: Michael Evans, Faun Fables with Brother Brian. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or www.oaklandbox.com**

**QUINN'S LIGHTHOUSE** — The Starboard Watch featuring Skip Henderson, Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free. 51 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland. 510-536-2050

**STARRY PLOUGH PUB** — "Halloween Havoc Costume Contest," Oct. 31. Featuring 7th Direction, Smith Points Pocket. \$3 to \$5.

**Tempest, Nov. 1. \$10. George Pedersen and His Pretty Good Band, Nov. 6. \$5.**

**Asylum Street Spankers, Nov. 7. \$14 Casey Neill, Little Sue, Nov. 8. \$7. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082**

**STORK CLUB** — "Turbo Jugend Halloween Party," Oct. 31. Featuring Ill Gotten Gainz, The Lewd Hurting Crew, Trouble Maker, Black Furies.

**Low Flying Owls, The New Strange, The Proles, Nov. 6. Stage Rage, Second Date, Teeze, Nov. 8.**

**\$5. All shows at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2330 Telegraph Ave., Oakland 510-444-6174 or www.storkcluboakland.com**

**YOSHI'S** — An Ensemble of Chicago, through Nov. 1. \$26. Jenna Mammia with Ray Obiedo, Nov. 2. \$14.

**Children on the Corner, Nov. 3. \$10 to**

\$18 Summit, Nov. 4. \$22 Dr. John, Nov. 5 through Nov. 9. \$24 to \$28.

Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200. www.yoshis.com or www.ticketweb.com

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Today's Real Estate in the East Bay by Marc Guay

FAREWELL!

I've enjoyed writing real estate columns and sending them out to you via this newspaper, but I confess it is a time-consuming and expensive undertaking, and I need to focus my energies elsewhere at the moment. So this is a kind of farewell—though it certainly doesn't mean I'm not still around, assisting people with their real estate questions and transactions. Indeed, it is my hope that our relationship will continue, though not in these pages.

I leave you with a couple of thoughts. First, it is my experience that people who are well-informed make the best clients for me—and also tend to make the best decisions for themselves. The point of doing the necessary homework (reading personal finance books and articles and columns like this one) is, above all, to know precisely the questions you need to ask of a real estate professional you know and trust. That's my second thought. I've experienced that, as the Internet and other sources of information make buyers and sellers of real estate more and more sophisticated, they are all that much more inclined to call on the services of a real estate professional. Not only do they know the questions they want answers to, they know what to expect of their real estate advisor and why they'll get their money's worth.

I hope to see you reasonably soon, and to help put your knowledge to work for you. Questions, comments? Just call Marc at 280-2103 and visit his web site at www.marcguay.com.

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## Events

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## CLASSICAL MUSIC

**ANDREA BOCELLI** — Nov. 8, 8 p.m. Accompanied by the Fresno Philharmonic, with Ana Maria Martinez, soprano, and Steven Mercuro conducting.

**\$45 to \$350.** Arena in Oakland, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland, 510-762-2277 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

**CAL PERFORMANCES** — Academy of Ancient Music, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. Richard Egarr directs a program of Bach harpsichord concertos. Pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. At the First Congregational Church, 2501 Channing Way, \$42.

**Emanuel Ax**, piano, Nov. 9, 3 p.m. \$32 to \$56.

Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, 510-642-9888 or [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu)

**FLAUTI DIVERSI** — "Follow the Leader," Nov. 1, 8 p.m. A program of rhapsodic instrumental music from the 18th and 20th centuries.

**\$15 to \$18.** St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany 510-527-9840

**FOUR SEASONS CONCERTS** — Richard and John Contiguglia, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. The piano duo will perform music by Schubert, Percy Grainger and Liszt.

**\$25 to \$35.** Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10 10th St., Oakland, 510-451-0775 or [www.fourseasonsconcerts.com](http://www.fourseasonsconcerts.com)

**MUSICSOURCES** — Richard Troeger, clavicord, Nov. 2, 5 p.m. Performing works by Haydn, Mozart and C.P.E. Bach

**\$18 general.** \$15 seniors and students 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley, 510-528-1685

**OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS** — Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. Performing music by Bach and Mendelssohn.

**\$18 general.** \$14 seniors, students. Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m. First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland, 510-207-4093.

**PHILHARMONIA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA** — "Splendori Italiani," Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. With music by Vivaldi, Tartini, Durante, Corelli and Manfredini. Nicholas McGreggan conducting.

**\$29 to \$60.** Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley, 415-392-4400 or [www.philharmonia.org](http://www.philharmonia.org)

**SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES** — "Saturday Morning Program," through Nov. 1. A three-part look at the Shostakovich String Quartets with performances by Alexander String Quartet

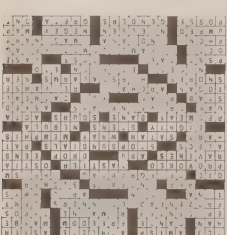
Nov. 1: Quartets No. 13 and No. 14

Nov. 8: Quartet No. 15 and the Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147

**\$30.** St. Johns Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, 415-398-6449 or [www.performances.org](http://www.performances.org)

**TRINITY CHAMBER CONCERTS** — Kazuko Cleary, piano, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. A concert of works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Takemitsu.

**\$12 general.** \$8 seniors and students Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley, 510-549-3964.



**UC ALUMNI CHORUS** — "Waging Peace," Nov. 9, 3 p.m. Featuring music by Benjamin Britten, Kirke Mechen and a variety of peace-themed works, with soloists Corey Head and Brian Leenhuber

**\$15 general.** \$10 seniors, students, disabled persons. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito Ave., Oakland 510-643-9645

## MUSEUMS

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY** — "Walls of Heritage/Walls of Pride: African American Murals," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of historical and contemporary murals created by African American artists from around the country. The exhibit features 52 photos of murals and 20 original works related to murals

"The Long Walk to Freedom," through Dec. 31. An exhibit of photographs, archival material, videos and writings highlighting the contributions of 12 civil rights activists who changed the face of the nation

"Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 859 14th St., Oakland 510-637-0200 or [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org)

**ALAMEDA MUSEUM** — The museum offers permanent displays of Alameda history, the only rotating gallery showcasing local Alameda artists and student artwork, as well as souvenirs, books and videos about the rich history of the Island City

**ROTATING EXHIBIT** — Natica Angilly, Nov. 1 through Nov. 30. An exhibit of art and dance

**SPECIAL EVENT** — "Fusions: Art, Photography, Dance, Poetry, Masques," Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m. Featuring live performances and an art show opening. Refreshments will be served

Free. Wednesday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda, 510-521-1233 or [www.alamedamuseum.org](http://www.alamedamuseum.org)

**EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS** — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum

Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland, 510-763-0141

**GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM** — through Dec. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society, covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N-scale on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. For December, the trains and layouts will be decorated for the holidays.

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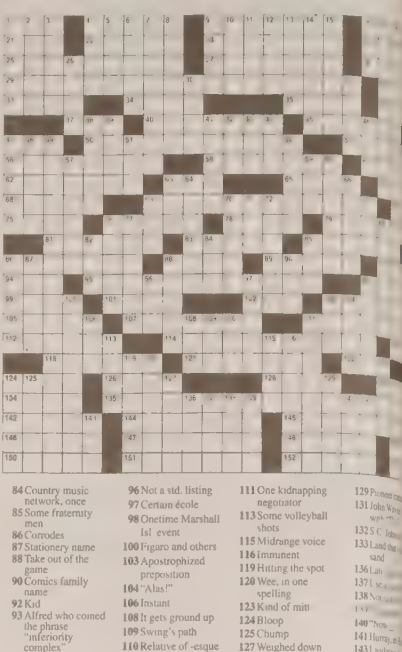
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"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer

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**MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM** — Jennifer Bartlett and Elizabeth Murray, through March 7, 2004. A major exhibit of paintings by two alumni. The exhibit will be closed for winter break from Dec. 15 through Jan. 12.

Circumstantial Evidence: Paintings by Martin Mull, through Nov. 16. An exhibit of works by the artist.

Reception, Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. An artist lecture will follow at 7:30 p.m. At Lucie Stern Hall, room 100, on the Mills College campus

**Josef Breitenbach: Portraits of 20th-Century Artists**, closing Nov. 9. An exhibit of works by the artist.

Video Exhibition, through Dec. 7. An exhibit of recent works by Phyllis Baldino, Chris Sollars, Seoungcho Cho and Ursula Hood

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**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA** — "Global Elegies: Art and Offerands for the Dead," through Dec. 7. An exhibit of artworks inspired by traditions and ceremonies honoring the dead in a variety of cultures. This is an expansion of the annual Day of the Dead exhibit, in it's tenth year. The exhibit features 11 artists, from a variety of cultures, Western and non-Western, working in different media

"The Art of Fred Martin: A Retrospective, 1948-2003," through Dec. 28. An exhibit of paintings on board, paper and canvas that spans 50 years and includes 135 works by painter, teacher

and writer Fred Martin

"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library

Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art a la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission

**SPECIAL EVENTS** — "Gunfight History 19th-Century California in the Hollywood Western," Nov. 2, 2 p.m. Author Scott Simmon will talk about his new book, "The Invention of the Western Film: A Cultural History of the Genre's First Half-Century."

"Express Night Days of the Dead," Nov. 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A gallery talk with artist Ala Etker, music, and a screening of the film "La Ofrenda: The Day of the Dead." Free with admission

"Art Health Fair," Nov. 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. An interactive experience of "health services" by artists Donna

Keiko Ozawa, Indigo Som, Allen, Renee Gettler and Lyn Altman. Free with admission

**\$8 general.** \$5 seniors and students free children age 5 and under all on the second Sunday a month. Wednesday through 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland, 510-430-2164 or [www.museumofcalifornia.org](http://www.museumofcalifornia.org)

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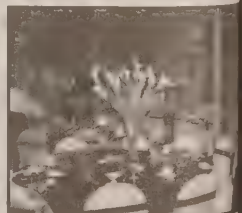
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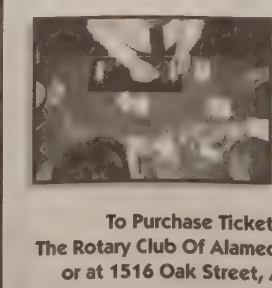
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of the images are albumen prints and have not been exhibited for decades. "Native American Cultures," ongoing. This is a permanent exhibit of some 500 artifacts from the museum's California collections, the largest and most comprehensive collections in the world devoted to California Indian cultures. The exhibit includes a section about Ishi, the famous Indian who lived and worked with the museum, Yana tribal baskets and a 17-foot Yurok canoe carved from a single redwood.

**"A Century of Collecting,"** ongoing. The exhibit examines artifact collecting as a form of cultural representation, presenting objects from around the world. Displays focus on the systematic character of these collections and provide original contexts for the objects, which increases a viewer's understanding of the people who made and used the objects.

**\$2 general; \$1 seniors; \$0.50 youths** age 16 and under; free on Thursdays for all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 102 Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley 510-643-6423-3682 or [www.hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu](http://www.hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu)

**UC BERKELEY MUSEUM OF PALEONTOLOGY** — "Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. Rex skeleton yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

**"Pteranodon,"** ongoing. A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Pteran-

odon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

**"California Fossils Exhibit,"** ongoing. An exhibit of some of the fossils that have been excavated in California. Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, 510-642-1821 or [www.ucmp.berkeley.edu](http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu)

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**EXHIBIT** — "Navy Fighter and Attack Squadrons," ongoing. This exhibit provides the historical background for the historical planes on the ship.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** — "Flight Deck Fun," ongoing. A former Landing Signal Officer will show children how to bring in a fighter plane for a landing on the deck then let them try the signals themselves. Times vary. Free with admission.

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"AFIROS" is a documentary on Cuban music's answer to American 1950s stylings.

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## Festival

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the largest independent film festival in Northern California. "We have to select pieces that reflect the diversity and disparities in our community," Blake says. BVFF both a "gift and liability" to his fellow

years. BVFF has grown rapidly in years and, as in other years, will be screened over 200 films. This Saturday and Sunday will feature 22 hours of individual projects, encompassing 12 different cate-

gories. Vapour and a local videographers and filmmaker were nearly 200 this year to come up with the

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range of offerings is being from Berkeleyan filmmaker's one-minute films (which won a Golden Award at Cannes this year) to 15-minute feature films. The on-ohs-Los Angeles, touches on politics, art and humor without losing a local flavor.

year, the festival tips a hat to Berkeley filmmaker Allen Willis, Claire and Roberts Blossom. A presentation will be the trio on Saturday but it's not a tribute to both Burch and Blossom in the 2003 edition of the festival.

making isn't a lifestyle for people, it's a lifetime," he says. Vapour called Willis, a seminal work on KQED

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— Paul Kealoha Blake  
East Bay Media Center

in the 1960s is a foundation of modern news programming, "a remarkable Berkeley jewel ... and the dean of African-American film."

He singled out Blossom for both his Hollywood work and his recent devotion to 'cine-poems,' several of which will screen on Saturday. Blossom's latest effort in the experimental genre, where words flow down the screen as they're read, with a variety of backdrops, is "Nudge," which will be shown just prior to the 7:00 ceremony honoring him and his cinematic compatriots.

As for Burch, Vapour said "she's been chronicling the counterculture in her own special way for decades." He called her work, particularly dealing with local homelessness issues, "not sugar-coated in any way ... it's extremely edgy and raw." This edge is exposed in Burch's 17-minute "Telegraph Avenue Follies," which also screens on Saturday.

### On the light side

Programming such an extensive collection is a chore, and Vapour notes that longer feature works are interspersed

with lighter, shorter fare such as music videos (including Eminem's powerhouse "White America," animated by Ian Inaba and Stephen Marshall) and commercials for the audience's sake.

"They need a little comic and visual relief," he said. Commenting on the large student population that's bound to attend, Vapour also proudly noted the ticket prices, including the \$8 one-day pass. "It's a real bargain to see emerging new artists."

Pressed to name his favorites, Vapour picked the feature film "Temptation," a comedy mixing the San Fernando Valley porn with new-age crystals and chakras, with particular praise for its star. "Annette O'Toole brings the same energy that she brought to 'Cat People' and 'Nash Bridges,'" he said. He also praised "Los Zafiros," a documentary on Cuban music's answer to American 1950s stylings.

Blake singled out "The Fact of Asian Women" and "Next Question" as a part of BVFF's vision. "The festival brings issues back to the community and acts as its voice," he said.

From rather humble beginnings in 1991 at the Florence Schwimley Little Theatre, BVFF has blossomed into a festival that's compared favorably by some to Sundance in its commitment to independent voices. Hundreds of entries come from around the world to Blake and Vapour's offices in the new Berkeley Arts District. "Our reach is now global," said Vapour.

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## Magnes

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other artifacts selected by Seymour Fromer, who founded the museum in 1962 with his wife, Rebecca. Fromer is the museum's director emeritus, but he returned to active duty to select an exhibit that would chart the museum's growth as well as tell the story of the Jewish people.

"I always felt this museum was created to preserve the cultural history of the Jewish community," Fromer said. The Magnes Museum's return to active, independent life reaffirms the value of its historic collection, archives and staff, he added.

Fromer once hoped that the merger with San Francisco's Jewish Museum would draw on the full strength of the Northern California Jewish community. The Jewish Museum had no collection of its own but did have ambitious plans for a new building.

"It just didn't work out," Fromer said. "There were two different outlooks that were hard to reconcile."

Fromer, 81, seemed overjoyed to put the museum's treasures back on display. He considers them a tribute to their sources — Jewish individuals and communities — and to Judah L. Magnes, who was born in San Francisco in 1877 and grew up in Oakland. Magnes, the first rabbi born in California, was one of the founders of Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The exhibit displays a wide variety of art and religious artifacts, representing a collection that has come together over 40 years from an astonishing array of sources. Among Fromer's first inspirations was a photograph he found at Holmes Books, a legendary used-book store in downtown Oakland. It was a photo of Magnes on the Oakland High School baseball team in the 1890s.

"I thought he would be good to evoke the role of Jews in Bay Area life, as well as nationally and internationally," Fromer said. Magnes received a rabbinical degree in Cincinnati and served at the prestigious Temple Emanuel in New York early in the 20th century. The rabbi was widely known for spearheading a new

## EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

Art and artifacts from a variety of sources were selected from the Magnes Museum's collection by Seymour Fromer, the founding director. Among the items in the 40th anniversary exhibit:

■ **Theater costume drawings** by Russian painter Issachar Ryback. Like Marc Chagall, Ryback was born in a small town in Eastern Europe and transformed his traditional Jewish community life into theater designs. Fromer recalls that someone brought six of Ryback's drawings to the museum more than 15 years ago, but at the time it could afford to buy only three.

■ **The Torah ark** from the synagogue on the Queen Mary, the ocean liner that carried many Jews from Nazi Germany in the late 1930s, when they were banned from using the main German shipping line. The ark, an art deco cabinet with a detailed metal grill in the door, was designed by Cecil Jacob Epril. After the Queen Mary was

decommissioned in 1976, a number of Southern California temples used the ark until the Magnes obtained and restored it in 1992.

■ **Papers from the 17th century** detailing a 16-year-old Majorcan boy's interrogation — as a suspected Jew — during the Spanish Inquisition. These were obtained in the 1930s by Baruch Braumstein, who traveled to Majorca to research a book on the Inquisition. Eventually he became a rabbi and moved to Berkeley; the museum purchased the documents after his death.

■ **An intricate copper lamp**, with a carnal at its base, crafted in Syria in the 1920s during a Zionist art movement that blended a myriad of styles from the Middle East. It was purchased in Damascus in the late 1920s by Mary Schussheim, who lived in Palestine with her husband, a rabbi. She eventually moved to the Bay Area and donated many works she collected to the museum.

— Robert Taylor

A 19TH century torah case from Kurdistan.

form of social work and being "a bridge between the older established community and immigrants," he said.

The museum preserves Jewish culture in a way that follows Magnes' example. "He was one of the originators of the concept of America as a symphony, not a melting pot," Fromer said. "He said, 'We don't want a melting pot where we are all fused into one. We want a symphony, where each group contributes its unique flavor, its unique sound, and works in harmony.'"

As one of the first ethnic museums in the Bay Area, the Magnes led the way for others. "Each group can present its culture for the education of its own people and for the public good," Fromer said.

The museum started in a single room in the Oakland-Piedmont Jewish Community Center. In 1964, it moved to a six-room space above the Parkway Theater in Oakland and began regular displays and hours. It moved to the historic Burke mansion on Russell Street in Berkeley in

1966, and the Magnes now owns a building on Addison Street in downtown Berkeley for potential expansion.

The museum is considered the third-largest Jewish museum in the United States, following New York's Jewish Museum and the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles.

The museum continues to add to its collection, and not just historic items. It has encouraged and collected the works of contemporary artists on traditional ceremonial objects, and collected representative work from alternate congregations and Jewish student movements.

"What I wanted to be sure of is that the museum's resources would be preserved — you can select what you want to study and exhibit," Fromer said. "You can't freeze an institution. It can't be the museum it was when I was director. Each generation will have to evolve."

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## SELLERS

### over Fiction

■ **Wind Code**, Dan Brown. An exhilarating blend of intelligence, relentless action and cutting wit, Robert Langdon is introduced in "Angels and Demons" and his new adventure is the punch of Robert Ludlum's gripping historical touch of "The Da Vinci Code," and the nonstop suspense of Michael Crichton.

■ **The People You Meet in Heaven**, Michael Albom, \$19.95. From the author of the "New York Times" bestseller "The Five Love Languages," this novel explores the unexpected connections of readers' lives and shows that heaven is more than just an answer.

■ **House of My Company**, Martin, \$19.95. From the best-selling author of "Shogun" comes a novel of a troubled man who finds his life in the most unexpected places.

■ **God Little**, DBC Pierre, \$23.95. A tale of Martin, Texas — the tiny care of the dynasty — and wearing only his boxers and underpants — God Little is in trouble. The mysterious Jesus has been away 16 of his classmates from the gun on himself.

■ **Unsettled**, Jhumpa Lahiri, \$24.95. From her signature themes of immigration, experience, the clash of cultures and the tangled ties of generations, Lahiri brings to her terrifically moving novel the remarkable story of a woman more than half a million miles from her debut story collection.

■ **Unsettled**, Neal Stephenson, \$24.95. This wonderfully inventive novel is the bestseller "Cryptonomicon" brings to life a group of characters in a disorienting genius and whose existence is an age known as the

■ **Scarpetta Novel**, Patricia A. Scarpetta, \$28.95. Dr. Kay Scarpetta is back in quest of the most deadly finds herself drawn into a horrific murders in which she becomes entangled in an international conspiracy

that confronts her with the shock of her life.

8. **Time Traveler's Wife**, Audrey Niffenegger, \$25. The love story of Henry and Claire whose lives are punctuated by Henry's disappearance to different points in time — sometimes even back to visit Claire as a young woman.

When Henry meets Claire, he is 28, and she is 20. He's a hip, handsome librarian; she is an art student with Botticelli hair. Henry has never met Claire before. Claire has known Henry since she was 6.

9. **Bleachers**, John Grisham, \$19.95. High school all-American Neely Crenshaw was probably the best quarterback ever to play for the legendary Messina Spartans. Fifteen years have gone by since those glory days, and Neely has come home to Messina to bury Coach Eddie Rake, the man who molded the Spartans into an unbeatable football dynasty.

10. **The Fortress of Solitude**, Jonathan Lethem, \$26. From the National Book Critics Award winner comes a daring, riotous, sweeping novel that spins the tale of two friends from a Brooklyn neighborhood, one black and one white, and their adventures in late 20th-century America.

### Hardcover NonFiction

1. **Dude, Where's My Country?** Michael Moore, \$24.95. Fresh on the heels of his runaway "New York Times" bestselling "Stupid White Men," Moore returns with a bold and hilarious act of sedition as he seeks to overthrow the "Thief in Chief" and effect the kind of grass roots change that will shake the country.

2. **Lies & the Lying Liars Who Tell Them**, Al Franken, \$24.95. Once again, the author of "Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot and Other Observations" trains his subversive wit directly on the contemporary political scene, leaving the powers-that-be in tatters and his audience in hysterics.

3. **Bushwhacked**, Molly Ivins & Lou Dubose, \$24.95. With the unprecedented challenges to civil liberties presented by the war on terrorism, the failure of the Bush economic policy, and the largely unnoticed crumbling of the quality of American life, the time is ripe for Ivins' no-holds-barred look at

the first years of the George W. Bush presidency.

4. **The South Beach Diet**, Arthur Agatston, M.D., \$24.95. Dr. Agatston has developed an all-science, deliciously heart-healthy program that offers immediate results, helping dieters shed ten, 20, 30 pounds while radically changing their blood chemistry, reversing diabetes, and lowering high cholesterol.

5. **The Great Unraveling**, Paul Krugman, \$25.95. In this long-awaited work containing economist Krugman's most influential columns along with new commentary, he chronicles how the boom economy unraveled: how exuberance gave way to pessimism, how the age of corporate heroes gave way to corporate scandals, and how fiscal responsibility collapsed.

6. **Every Second Counts**, Lance Armstrong & Sally Jenkins, \$24.95. The four-time Tour de France winner and #1 "New York Times" bestselling author returns with an exhilarating account of his recent personal and professional victories — and what fuels his awesome drive to thrive.

7. **Where I Was From**, Joan Didion, \$23. In this moving and unexpected work, Didion reassesses her life, her work, and both her own and America's history, locating the contradictions in the stories people tell themselves about their past and their present.

8. **Under the Banner of Heaven**, Jon Krakauer, \$26.00. At the core of his book is an appalling double murder committed by two Mormon Fundamentalist brothers, Ron and Dan Lafferty, who insist they received a revelation from God commanding them to kill their blameless victims.

9. **Reading Lolita in Tehran**, Azar Nafisi, \$23.95. "Reading Lolita in Tehran" is the astonishing true story of young women who met in secret each week to read and talk about forbidden Western classics — and their lives and loves — in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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# Arts & Leisure

Friday, October 31, 2003



**BILL MANN**  
Multimedia Notes

## No tricks, just a treat

**F**OX POSTPONED the debut of several of its best shows until after the World Series. This time, they've saved the best for last.

Sunday night (Nov. 2) at 9:30 on Channel 2, the season's best new series debuts. "Arrested Development" is a deliciously clever sitcom about a dynasty of dunces, a collection of clueless upscale neurotics who've suddenly run out of money. Jason Bateman stars as the one well-adjusted member of this lot, a sly observer. The new Fox show is both well-written and refreshingly cynical. I only hope "Arrested" doesn't share the same fate of Fox's short-lived, often-brilliant "Action!" (starring Jay Mohr as a Hollywood wunderkind) three years ago: a quick cancellation.

This quasi-documentary about a wealthy family on the skids co-stars Jeffrey "Hey Now" Tambor ("Larry Sanders") sidekick. Tambor, the scion of this collection of slush-fund junkies, is sent to jail Sunday — and seems to enjoy it.

It's a treat (and a nifty trick) to see a show this biting and this sophisticated make it to broadcast TV. Still, better enjoy it while it lasts: "Action!" lasted only five episodes. And three "Naked Gun" episodes never aired after the series was quickly canceled by ABC.

Also making its debut on Fox Sunday night, at 8: The network's critically acclaimed "The Simpsons," with its annual (albeit two days late) Halloween episode, "Treehouse of Horror XIV." One of the three stories is titled — ready for this? — "Reaper Madness." On another segment, Jerry Lewis(?) guest-voices a character found by Lisa Simpson in a cryonics lab. (You can almost hear Lewis' famous "oh, la-deee" line now.)

Fox's first-rate "King of the Hill" also returns Sunday.

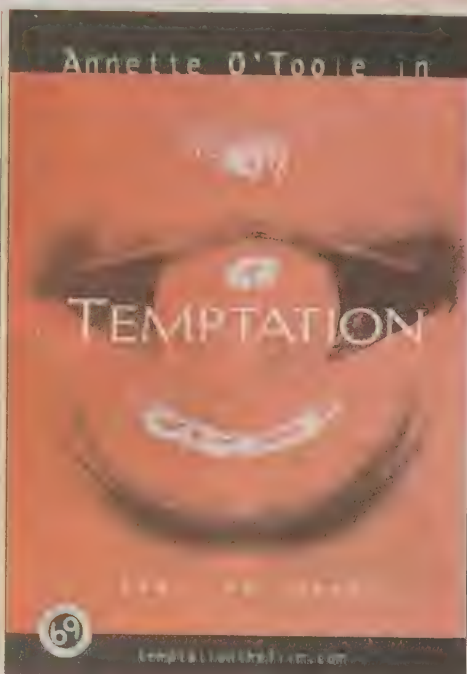
BTW, Fox sent TV critics a tasty press kit hyping its "Super Sunday Sundae." It included an ice-cream spoon, a sundae dish, a bottle of hot fudge, and sprinkles. Sweet. So was the annual "Simpsons" trick-or-treat bag of goodies from Fox. I'm experiencing acute hypoglycemia even as I write this.

**KEEPING FAITH:** If it seemed unusual to see stories on the death of a local TV reporter, KTVU's Faith Fancher, on several competing stations two weeks ago, it was. But that's because Fancher was such an unusual, upbeat person. I'd known Fancher, who died of breast cancer, for a decade before I started newswriting at Channel 2, and I had a lot of respect for her as a reporter. But working with her I soon realized what a first-rate person Fancher, who died at age 53, also was. No matter how busy she was, Faith always found time to help this ink-stained TV rookie and answer my questions about TV newswriting.

One KTVU co-worker says of the day Faith passed 12 days ago, "That Sunday was absolutely miserable. Faith's stepson, a shooter (cameraman) here, was out covering (sigh) a breast-cancer fundraiser at Lake Merritt when we had to call to tell him the news. And then Leslie Griffith, who's rarely here on weekends, stopped by to show someone the station 30 minutes after we'd gotten the bad news. She hadn't heard. At least we had a baseball game that night so didn't have a five o'clock newscast. That would have been even rougher on everyone."

That night at 10, veteran reporter Craig Heaps got the Fancher-death assignment and did his usual fine job. Earlier, KPX anchor Barbara Rodgers, Fancher's friend, must have seen the end coming: Rodgers filed a story on the inspirational Oakland newswoman's fight against breast cancer and Faith's fund-raising efforts only two days before Faith died.

Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at [Newsman@sonic.net](mailto:Newsman@sonic.net)



AT THE Berkeley Video and Film Festival, "Temptation," starring Annette O'Toole, is the Grand Festival Award Winner-Feature and "Born to be Wild" is the Grand Festival Award Winner-Arts. Also on the bill: "Los Zafiro," a documentary feature on Cuban music. Below is the poster for this year's festival.

## Video, film fest doubles its pleasure

■ 10th annual event takes place over two days in Wheeler Hall

By Brian Kluepfel  
CORRESPONDENT

**BERKELEY** — A lot of local film festivals — even those which show films and feature cinematographers from the East Bay — insist on using that other nearby city to add cachet to their event: San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, San Francisco International Film Festival, etc. How about some props for Berkeley?

Mel Vapour and Paul Kealoha Blake of the East Bay Media Center have no qualms about using the Berkeley moniker to identify



their film/video cornucopia, now in its 10th year.

The 2003 Berkeley Video and Film Festival moves to Wheeler

Hall on the UC Berkeley campus this weekend (its usual home, the Fine Arts Cinema, is being renovated) but Vapour and

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Berkeley Video and Film Festival

**WHERE:** Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley

**WHEN:** Nov. 1 and 2, noon-11 p.m.

**TICKETS:** \$8 students/\$10 general public (one day), \$14 student/\$18 general public (two days)

**INFO:** [www.berkeleyvideofilmfest.org](http://www.berkeleyvideofilmfest.org), 510-843-3699

Blake's vision for the festival remains unchanged: give indie filmmakers a chance to strut their stuff.

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## Jewish culture collection comes home

■ 'Brought to Light' exhibit brings Magnes Museum back to Berkeley

By Robert Taylor  
STAFF WRITER

After merging and de-merging with the Jewish Museum of San Francisco, the Magnes Museum decided it was time to let people know it was back in business on quiet, tree-shaded Russell Street in Berkeley.

"We're still here and going strong," said Joanne Backman, the museum's acting executive director. "We have a wonderful collection, amassed over 40 years, and it's still growing."

That collection includes more than 30,000 items exploring Jewish culture, dating back to the 1600s. The way to let the public know about it, of course, was an

### EXHIBIT

■ **WHAT:** "Brought to Light: The Storied Collection of the Judah L. Magnes Museum"

■ **WHERE:** Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, today through April 25. Closed Jewish and federal holidays.

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exhibit: "Brought to Light: The Storied Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum." It opens today and runs through April 25.

"Brought to Light" displays more than 100 paintings, drawings, ceremonial objects and

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**SEYMOUR FROMER**, 81, founded the Judah L. Magnes Museum in 1962 with his wife, Rebecca Fromer.

## History rethinks with plays' wh

**H**ISTORY, recorded dutifully — and fully — as it unfolded, would be almost atypical as city council member. Four current productions in Berkeley and Cerrito, dodge this notion by asking "What if?" — and ing it from there.

**HE SHOULD STAY** "Lionheart," Central Valley production at the Berkeley Club, playwright Gary C. and his collaborators adapt England's King Richard Coeur de Lion, the Lionheart (Robert Weinapple), who in Palestine at the end of indecisive Third Crusade, peace with Sultan Saladin, ceeded in marrying off his daughter Joanne (Rica Anderson) an emissary of the sultan (men DiLanchian) and a poison at the hands of his scribe Rachel (Jodi Fries). Intriguing, with an ensemble cast and tight-focus direction by Jan Zvaifler.

**3 LOST BIG SHOTS** Berkeley's Live Oak Theatre, playwright Mark St. Germain's "The Three Musketeers" in Actors Ensemble's "The Musketeers." With Henry & Tom, directed by Margaret Gudmundsson, didn't have to ask when Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and President Warren G. Harding ever went camping together. They did. The play became: What if they got one day and had to spend night in the woods? What would they talk about?

An unlikely pick: the presence of the Secret Service nearby (but out of sight). Ralph Miller (Edison), Tom Reilly (Ford) and Michael Green (Harding) in fictional conversations bring to life, cynical inventor, a Semitic industrialist, and a tery, womanizing chief executive.

Fun, and surprisingly, sightful — given the title premise — about the culture, in varying degrees, greatness and genius of separate individuals. Bobbi mundsson as Col. Edmund Starling makes his stage at AE as the chief of the secure security detail.

Two plays hang their heads on reincarnation: one one without.

**FOREVER ALIVE:** "Plaid," playing weekend at Cerrito's Contra Costa Theatre, asks at the end: What if four guys on their way to their first big singing were killed outright in a way accident and were 10 years later, ready to their now-golden oldies if people wouldn't buy it?

No way. You not only root for reincarnation moment John Brown (Christopher Hughes), Eric Fosselius (Smagorinsky), Andrew Gabel (Spartan) pouring out those first like maple syrup from a pitcher.

And just wait until the comic and perform a comic Ed Sullivan show in three acts and 11 seconds. It's off-your-seat funny, but the first "really big show" 1948 had a budget of only \$100,000.

**FOREVER DEAD:** The ent Theatre abjures resurrection. One can imagine Tom Clyde saying, "We kept Shakespeare's words a few cuts, eliminated the premarital and put on 'Ghost Hamlet' with a twist."

It's "Elsinore, U.S.A." Claudius is now a modern businessman, still Hamlet, and married to Gertrude, brother's widow. The play is a rock band. The play is down to everyday life, it is catharsis of high tragedy, this de-ghosted, accessible work, thanks to a cast, setting and direction.

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may soon slip into oblivion  
as rear-seat entertainment  
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makers started offering  
entertainment systems in minivans, and next  
they moved them into sport utility vehi-  
cles. Recently, they have started to  
install them in the back seats of fam-  
ily sedans and pickup trucks which  
are used as family haulers.

Companies are trying to differ-  
entiate their vehicles in a competi-  
tively crowded market, said Frank Fornin, a  
senior analyst with J.D. Power and Asso-  
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Some of these vehicles look a lot  
like they are relying on fea-  
tures from the past.

The Saturn I-Series was the first  
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It was followed by the 2003  
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It was the first to offer a rear-  
entertainment system in pickup  
with its 2001 F-150 full-size  
cab pickups. The 2004 F-150  
also has a DVD system.

Nissan's 2004 Titan pickup  
also has a rear-seat enter-  
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Nissan crew cab size will have

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without question.

In a nutshell, the SS contains the  
best of both worlds: comfort and  
power.

Through the years, Chevrolet  
has beefed up the power of the Su-  
per Sport and the latest version is  
no exception.

Under the hood of the 2004  
model is a 3.8-liter V6 engine that  
produces 240 horsepower and a  
zippy 280 pounds-foot of torque  
that peaks at only 3,600 rpm.

This power is transferred to a  
four-speed electronically controlled  
automatic transmission.

Power is obvious right from the  
get-go, yet in spite of all this force  
on its front-wheel drive, there is no  
evidence of torque steer; accelera-

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tion is smooth and direct.

Any car that has a strong en-  
gine, must have a strong chassis  
to harness its power. The engineers  
at Chevrolet explained what they  
have done to provide a solid ride.

First, the engine is made of alu-  
minum to reduce the overall weight  
and help reduce the engine noise  
and vibration.

Then the overall body is  
strengthened to make it more rigid,  
enabling the engineers to tune the  
chassis and suspension to provide  
peak performance.

The system features four-wheel  
independent suspension with  
MacPherson struts on each wheel.

The stiffness in the SS reduces  
body roll when cornering hard  
through a turn. The new model also  
has beefed up stabilizer bars, and  
its suspension system is mounted  
on 17-inch aluminum wheels.

The wide tires are able to hold  
the pavement under just about any

road condition, especially when in  
a turn.

But the SS really isn't intended  
to be a hot rod. The Impala SS is  
a gentle, easy-handling car that  
even makes a trip to a local shop-  
ping center pleasant.

The size of this five-passenger  
sedan is easy to manage, both on  
the road and when parking.

Visibility is good and the doors  
aren't so wide as to cause a strug-  
gle trying to get out of the car in  
tight parking places.

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# Restored 1949 Willys Jeep recalls an exhilarating experience

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About 50 years ago, Racine, Wis., was blanketed with — what seemed to a young schoolboy — a mountain of snow.

That boy was Butch Soetenga who remembers struggling through the snow as far as the corner service station where the owner put him in the front seat of his Jeep and took him to school through the snow drifts.

Soetenga never forgot that exhilarating experience — nor the Jeep. Since then, he says, "I've always loved flat fender Jeeps."

During his service with the Army in Vietnam he became reacquainted with Jeeps. It wasn't until the 1990s that he began to seriously look for an old Jeep. He traveled many miles on futile searches for Jeeps that were not quite as advertised.

By the summer of 1998, Soetenga and his wife Deborah were living in Madison, Wis. "We were on our way to the farmer's market," he says, "when we saw it parked by the road with a for sale sign in the window."

Soetenga kept on driving but his wife urged him to return and check it out. It was a well worn 1949 Willys Jeep CJ3A with a 60-horsepower, 134-cubic-inch L-head four-cylinder engine. The owner lived only six

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blocks away from the Soetengas and had painted the Jeep a grey/green color.

"It had a roll bar, canvas top and canvas doors," Soetenga remembers. "It was running, but not well."

He bought the Jeep and for two years bounced around town with great abandon. "We went looking for hills too steep to climb," he says.

He knew it needed work, and during the summer of 2000 he carefully measured the double doors in his walkout basement and discovered the diminutive Jeep — 12 feet, 9 inches long and 68 inches wide — could be maneuvered on its 80-inch wheelbase into the basement.

That's where the Jeep spent the next three years. With a lot of help from his family, Soetenga began to dismantle his Jeep. When he discovered how much was going to be involved he had to make a decision. "I'm going all the way," he announced.

After the Jeep was in the proverbial "million pieces," Soetenga had the frame sand blasted and then powder coated in black. He took a welding course so he could repair

the holes rusted in the floor and the sides himself.

Soetenga, a documentary filmmaker for Wisconsin Public Television, took about 300 close-up photos of the car as it was being taken apart. The photos proved useful during the reconstruction.

"It's about as basic a vehicle as you can get," he says. With every item on the Jeep either rebuilt, restored or replaced, the 2,205-pound vehicle was rolled out of the basement in August, 2003. Mounted on the dashboard is a plaque presented to him by his family which reads: "Restored by Soetenga & Sons."

"I've got the only wife in the world that would let me keep a Jeep in the basement," he says.

The 10.5-gallon gasoline tank under the driver's seat was filled and, stepping on the floor starter, the little engine spun into life. "I love the sound of a six-volt starter turning over an engine," Soetenga says.

A new wiring harness was installed. The Jeep now has a heater, turn signals and a small light protruding from the dashboard to illuminate the instruments at night.

The original 15-inch wheels on the Jeep have been replaced with 16-inch wheels shod with non-directional military-style tires. The cor-



**OWNER** painstakingly took apart his 1949 Willys Jeep and then completely restored, rebuilt or replaced every part. He even took a welding class to fix the rust spots himself

rect fabric to cover the seats was located and Soetenga himself water-proofed it before installing it.

Soetenga prefers driving his Jeep with the windshield folded down on top of the engine hood. "I've had it up to 45 mph," Soetenga says. "It's

like being on a motorcycle with three other people."

Ironically, the four-wheel-drive Jeep is now too nice to take out in inclement weather. "We just cruise around looking cool," he says with a chuckle

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## Road

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an optional rear-seat DVD entertainment system.

In-car video started off as "aftermarket" items in 1996, according to Joerg Dittmer, senior industry analyst at Frost & Sullivan, the San Jose-based consulting firm. These are systems consumers can purchase from video or electronics stores. They are placed on the floor of the minivan between the front seats and plugged into a power-point such as the cigarette lighter. Or they come as units that can be hung over the head restraints of the front seats for rear-seat viewing.

From 1998 to 2000, aftermarket sales of such in-car video grew almost 10 times from 40,000 to

350,000 units, according to a Frost & Sullivan study. Sales in 2002 hit 90,000 and are projected to top 1 million in 2008.

It is not surprising the automakers quickly figured out they should be offering such systems. GM became the first to offer a rear-seat entertainment system in its 1998 Oldsmobile Silhouette minivan. Frost & Sullivan expects the offerings from automakers to grow even faster than the aftermarket, and from 2005 on, systems offered by automakers will grab about 70 percent of the market.

Automakers' systems generally come with a 7-inch monitor that folds down from an overhead console just behind the front seats. The systems had VHS video players in the past, but are switching over to DVD systems.

Most allow the front-seat occu-

pants to control the system and to listen to a different entertainment source, for instance the radio, while those in the rear watch a movie. Some have remote controls and wireless headphones and can play CDs and video games. J.D. Power and Associates figures \$1,100 is the median price.

Honda expects only 1.5 percent of Accord buyers to opt for the rear-seat entertainment system, whereas the company expects anywhere from 15 to 25 percent of consumers who buy its Odyssey minivan, the Pilot and the MDX, to purchase it, said Dan Bonawitz, vice president of corporate planning and logistics at the American Honda Motor Co.

That seems to be similar to what the experience has been for the rear-seat entertainment system in Saturn L-Series sedan with its "take rate" of 2 percent. That compares

to a 15 percent take rate in GM minivans and mid-size sport utilities.

Ford's take rates range from 10 percent in the Explorer, to 40 percent in the Ford Windstar. Chrysler has a take rate for the rear-seat entertainment systems of 22 percent

in its long wheelbase minivans, the Dodge Grand Caravan and Chrysler Town & Country.

Currently, owners of about 30 models — mostly full-size/luxury sport utility vehicles and minivans — reported having such systems, which is up from just seven mod-

els two years earlier, according to J.D. Power's 2002 U.S. Emerging Technology study also shows the parents with children interested in these products are people who own and sport utility vehicles

## Keane

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However, I found myself parking away from the crowd, as I wanted to show it off. The Impala SS is available only in black, and the aluminum wheels add to its distinctive appearance. The bodylines are smooth and the rear end has an attractive spoiler plus bright shiny stainless steel exhaust pipes.

This car carries a \$27,335 suggested price. My tester had a load of options, bringing the total to \$30,540. The options included six-way power seats and heat for both front seats, OnStar was another option, plus a 200-watt sound system that made XM Satellite radio very enjoyable listening.

Contrasting the black exterior are soft gray leather bucket seats and leather-wrapped steering wheel. The rear has a 60/40 split folding backrest to allow carrying extra long objects in its huge trunk.

There are numerous thoughtful features, including dual-zone air conditioning, cruise control, tilt-steering wheel, extenders on the sun visors and a large center console. It also has a remote keyless entry and of course, power windows and door locks.

Chevrolet also boasts that the

Impala has received five-star ratings by the National Highway Safety Administration. Safety equipment includes anti-lock brakes and side-impact airbags.

This car has come a long way in 43 years and I have no doubt 43 years from now, it will still be Chevrolet's big seller.

### CHEVROLET IMPALA SS

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Vehicle Type     | Five-passenger, four-door front-wheel drive large sedan |
| Suggested Retail | \$27,335  |
| Price as Tested  | \$30,540  |
| Engine Type      | 3.8-liter, 12-valve V6 OHV w/SFI                        |
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| Torque           | 280 at 3,600 rpm  |
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## Signature Series SSR has voluptuous body, power, pedigree

**MOTOR MATTERS**  
 The first relationship with a new car is a love affair — a back-and-forth transcending the usual plucked-up relationship experience. This 2003 Chevrolet SSR Signature Series hardtop convertible roadster is one of 25 built, and it grows with age.

The pickup-like Super Sport wears an identification plate in its number "25 of 25" built. It's the ultralimited-edition SSRs that are the Signature Series marketing strategy.

With being signed by separate members of the SSR team, Signature Series models experience colorful, documentary.

When landing in his owner's garage, the royal 25 make a string of high-appearances at separate venues. The process culminates with each vehicle's treasure chest of newspaper magazine clippings, artwork, photographs and other types of memorabilia.

The documentation is presented to the members of the SSR Signature Series. These special SSRs are recognized and sold through auction houses like Kruise International.

The Signature Series vehicle develops character via a presale live event series of themed events. For instance, Street Art SSRs allocated to various regions of the United States are commissioned to create artwork

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depicting the vehicle in settings distinctive to their regions.

Music Tour SSRs also establish distinctive identities. These vehicles travel to various music concert venues such as Los Lobos concerts, the Chevrolet Rock & Roll Tour or Doobie Brothers concerts.

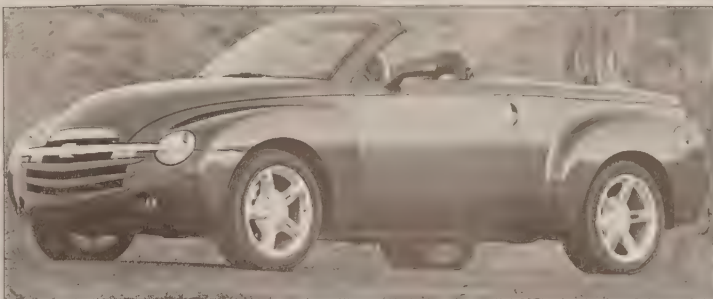
Of course, there's a batch of particularly well-documented models sent to print and electronic media for review.

These Media Review SSRs are put through the paces and introduced to the public in the form of road-test evaluations, feature stories and photographs. This is the setting in which the VIN No. 000025 test vehicle earns its pedigree.

Engraved on the plate — affixed to the body-colored "waterfall" between the seats — are "SSR SIGNATURE SERIES" and the scripted names of two signers unique to the vehicle. Etched into the test-vehicle's plate are the signatures of Ari Kirsch and Gregory Thompson.

Fortunately, their titles don't accompany their signatures because there wouldn't be enough room on the plate. Kirsch is senior financial analyst for GM North America product development and Thompson is central engineering launch manager for GM manufacturing program management.

Aside from the ID plate, special badging, Ultra Violet paint and the pile of keepsakes, these Signature Series models are



**LIMITED EDITION 2003 Chevrolet SSR Signature Series** hardtop convertible roadster comes with its own set of memorabilia depending on how it was introduced — via media, street art or music.

outfitted like SSRs arriving in the marketplace at a \$41,995 base price.

SSRs ride on a modified rear-drive Chevy TrailBlazer platform and are propelled by a 5.3-liter small-block V8 engine. This naturally aspirated engine propels the 4,760-pounder with 300 horsepower at 5,200 rpm and 331 pounds-foot of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Chevy reports the V8, partnered with a four-speed automatic transmission, sends the SSR from 0-60 mph in 7.6 seconds and to a quarter mile in 15.9 seconds at 90 mph. Powerplant roar bellows through dual, round chrome-tipped tail pipes tuned to emulate a modern Camaro SS exhaust note.

This hot-rod roar is best appreciated at full throttle, and with the two-piece hardtop

down. This clever power-operated top is raised or lowered in less than 25 seconds, and neatly stacks out of sight beneath a hard cover.

The top stacks vertically behind the passenger compartment, leaving the same amount of space in the 23.7-cubic-foot cargo box in both up and down positions.

Cargo boxes of Signature Series models are lined with carpet and ribbed with laminated woodgrain floor strips. A lockable body-colored hard cover fits flush over the cargo box.

On my venture with the Signature Series SSR, offering peeks beneath the cargo cover and demonstrations of the retractable top operation were crowd-pleasers.

Admirers also were smitten by the SSR's voluptuous bodylines, amazing retractable

top action, glitzy cargo box, cool interior and liquid-like Ultra Violet paint job. A band of this purplish color seductively flows from the exterior and on into the interior.

Contrasting brushed aluminum accents adorn the instrument panel, steering wheel, door panels and center console. The instrument cluster is a three-pod design borrowed from the TrailBlazer.

SSR's black, silver-stitched leather-clad buckets do an excellent job of supporting the back during long cruises.

The trek to the coast was a perfect fit for Chevy's "Ultimate Boulevard Cruiser" which is tailored-made for long stretches of open-air driving.

Even without the pedigree the SSR is a hit to drive.

## Doten Honda honored for 30 years

**JIM DOTEN HONDA**  
 JIM DOTEN HONDA — Jim Doten, who in Jim Doten Honda in Berkeley, recently won a 30-year award from the American Honda Motor Co. as the district manager for Northern California.



**JIM DOTEN HONDA**  
 DOTEN, left, receives award from Doug American Honda Company district for Northern

Doten began his career in the automotive business in 1942 where, as a 12 year old, he swept the floors and washed cars in his father's Pontiac dealership in Berkeley.

He developed a passion for automobiles as well as a gentle, respectful way of treating customers.

These attitudes provided him the structure and skills to build an automotive empire that has lasted more than 70 years.

Doten started selling Hondas when they were powered by motorcycle engines, making him the second oldest Honda dealership in the Bay Area.

Many of the dealers around him laughed and thought he was a fool to sell those funny little cars that will never make it in America.

The laughs are long gone. So are many of his competitors. In accepting his award, Doten acknowledged his Management Team, Sales Staff and Service Department for their

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**Who**  
**is**  
**your**  
**favorite**  
**team?**

*SPORTS*

#1 Horrocks held nine 3-pieces to win in ACAL.

#2 Cerrito in an ACAL matchup

By Scott Strala

Low by the way of the TV "The Horrocks' and the Cerrito's" was a 100% accurate forecast. The Horrocks' were the only team to have a 100% accurate forecast. The Cerrito's were the only team to have a 100% accurate forecast. The Horrocks' were the only team to have a 100% accurate forecast. The Cerrito's were the only team to have a 100% accurate forecast.

EL CERRITO HIGH'S Amanda McGowan, over Alameda's Grande Desconfianza in her

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## ACCAL NOTEBOOK

### Oilers set for NCS opener

**The Orlando Movie Times**



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# What do

# need to be haute?

## Shopping Plus

Friday, December 28, 2001

Look inside for local advertising circulars every Friday

### Tote cuisine: beyond the bologna sandwich

BY MARIA GALLAGHER

The leaves haven't begun to change, but I've already seen one sure sign that autumn is almost at our doorstep.

At my neighborhood supermarket, an enormous display bin filled last month with beach balls — a now piled high with brown lunch bags.

That's a lot of school and office lunches waiting to be made. With take-out and delivered food so readily available, you might think that grown-ups have stopped carrying lunches to work.

But a survey of 2001 issue of *Business Week* found that 45 percent bring a packed lunch at least once a week.

At my neighborhood supermarket, I saw a display of lunch bags. Some were brown, some were white, some were blue. Some had a logo, some didn't. Some were made of paper, some were made of plastic.

What's in her lunch bag? Fresh fruit, pretzels for snacking, and perhaps a sandwich of re-diced fat turkey on light bread, or homemade tuna salad with melba toast, or cottage cheese with fruit, or yogurt with fruit. She drinks spring water from a water cooler, jizzing it up with lemon and artificial sweetener.

Donna Scott, another Weight Watchers member who works in the same downtown as DeVet, typically brings four pieces of fresh fruit to work each day, along with small portions of dinner leftovers, such as meat loaf, spaghetti, coiled greens, string beans, or macaroni and cheese.

And, like DeVet, she's cost-conscious. She'll buy a 25-pound case of water bottles.

At lunchtime, DeVet and Scott are not at Shred Bites or Rouge, or Anytime Fitness. They're at the gym.

The ideal packed lunch does nothing to break the chain of eating. It's a bowl of fruit and milk, or a sandwich, or a salad.

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Most bread shops will sell specialty flours for sandwiches. Most bread shops will sell specialty flours for sandwiches. Most bread shops will sell specialty flours for sandwiches.

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 Burners, Burn, Bobs, Collections,  
 Hens, Hens, Hens, Hens,  
 Hens, Hens, Hens, Hens,  
 Lots of Items, Aloca  
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 Sat. 11/27/03 10am-5pm  
 14500 Dinning Rd. 145  
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**SATURDAY 11/1, 8-4PM**  
 35 Woodland Ct.  
 Furniture, clothes, &  
 numerous items, etc

**Walnut Creek**

**ESTATE SALE!**  
 Sat. 11/1, 8am-2pm  
 850 Northgate Rd.  
 50 Acres, w/ horse, green  
 house, 1000 sq. ft. house  
 AND ETC. FOR SALE!

**ESTATE SALE**  
 Sat. 11/1 9am to 3pm  
 1678 Country Road 30  
 Furn., jewelry, kitchen  
 items, etc. Call 925-938-  
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**ESTATE SALE!**  
 Sat. 11/1 9am to 4pm  
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 Some tools & hardware,  
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**FR/SAT 8am-4:30pm**  
 1416 WHITEHILL WAY  
 FURN., COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS  
 1000 sq. ft. house, 1000  
 infant/toddler clothes,  
 1000 sq. ft. house, 1000  
 day care, 1000 sq. ft. house,  
 1000 sq. ft. house, 1000

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Sunday 11/27  
 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.  
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 1000 sq. ft. house, 1000

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 11/1 & 11/2 8-2pm  
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 Dresser Set, Baby Items,  
 Hens, Hens, Hens, Hens,  
 Lots of Items, Aloca  
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 Hens, Hens, Hens, Hens,  
 Lots of Items, Aloca  
 to 2000 Number-  
 bid to Poble Place

**NORTHCATE Cheesecake**  
**Fundraising Rummage**  
 Sale, Nov. 1, 8am-12noon  
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 Lots of Items, Aloca  
 to 2000 Number-  
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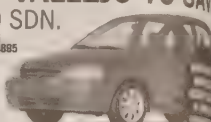
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STK#S13082, 3126, 3135  
VIN#S123600, 266093, 266095  
MSRP \$12,265  
BARBER DISCOUNT \$1,272  
SALE PRICE \$10,993  
CUSTOMER CASH \$1,500  
NET COST TO YOU



**\$9,488**

3 AT THIS PRICE

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STK#S14001, K4011, K4019  
VIN#S1258078, 280725, 278211  
MSRP \$17,045  
BARBER DISCOUNT \$1,057  
SALE PRICE \$15,988  
CUSTOMER CASH \$1,500  
NET COST TO YOU



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STK#K3083 VIN#086042  
MSRP \$23,030  
BARBER DISCOUNT \$1,542  
SALE PRICE \$21,488  
CUSTOMER CASH \$1,000  
NET COST TO YOU



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- AM/FM WITH CD
- TACHOMETER
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SALE PRICE

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- POWER WINDOWS
- POWER LOCKS
- AM/FM WITH CD

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NET COST TO YOU

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FACTORY REBATE \$1,500  
NET COST TO YOU

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- Tilt Wheel
- Sliding Rear Window
- Cruise Control

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STK#N40128 VIN#871332

MSRP \$21,828  
BARBER DISCOUNT \$2,340  
SALE PRICE \$19,488  
FACTORY REBATE \$2,500  
NET COST TO YOU

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- Sport Package

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BARBER DISCOUNT \$1,542  
SALE PRICE \$21,990  
FACTORY REBATE \$1,500  
NET COST TO YOU

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BARBER DISCOUNT -\$4,746  
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SALE PRICE \$19,488  
FACTORY REBATE -\$2,500  
NET COST TO YOU

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MSRP \$26,395  
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SALE PRICE \$22,488  
FACTORY REBATE -\$2,500  
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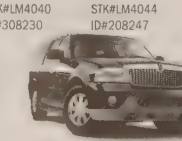
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FACTORY REBATE -\$1,500

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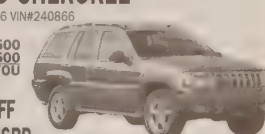
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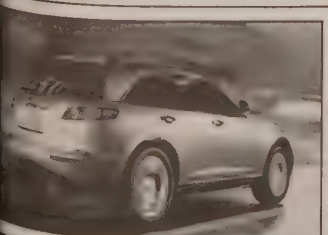
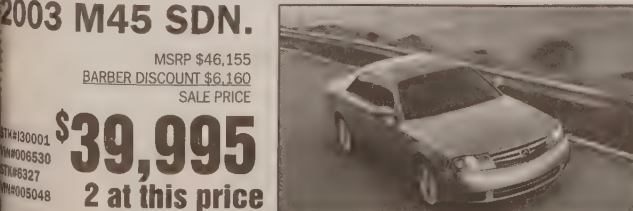
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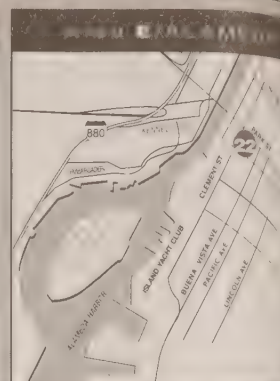
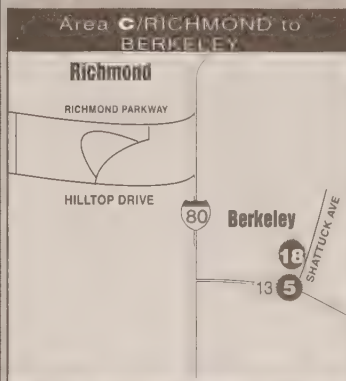
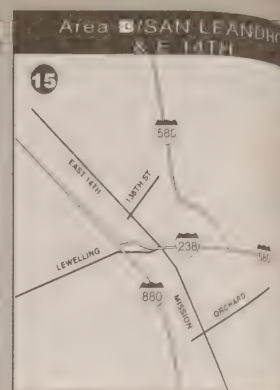
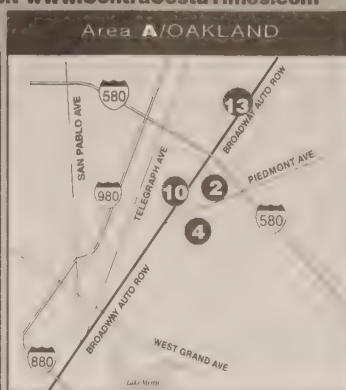
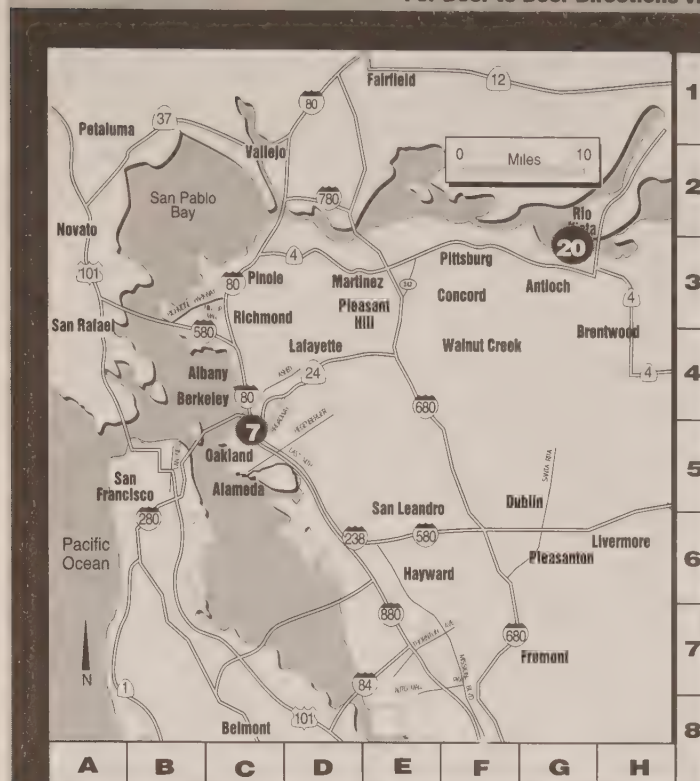






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From the classic to the flashy, new season mixes it up with fun and style

BY MARY-LIZ SHAW AND JAMES BURNETT  
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

The fun never stops. Last fall, it can hide. Last fall, we were up to there in the opulence, with all the flowing, gauzy gowns, fringe and ruffled peasant blouses. We were artists of the floating world, with enough cash to exorcise it. Now, as the economy teeters and the world turns more serious, it is time to get back to the business of living. The year's model is smart, trim and efficient. Sleek suits in splendor. Opaque tights, calf-hugging boots, and square heels you can really put your foot on. Except... The pesky sense of fun has a lot bubbling to the top, no matter how hard we try to be sensible. (And we are trying, aren't we? Which explains the fishnets, the chandelier ear bobs, and burnt-orange leather clutch, those fabulous, pointy shoes.

The outfit is summing up for the jury while the accessories are catching the latest Johnny Depp film.

Sensible and frivolous. Classic and mod. Black and fuchsia.

Put 'em together and what do you get? A long face with a twinkle in the eye. A giggle during the Bach fugue.

A whistle in the dark.

It's 1971 and we've just spotted Twiggy and some hipsters up to their usual mischief on the Portobello Road.

It's deja vu all over again, and this time the focus is on the legs. Miniskirts straight up or with a kick-pleat, that is; boots so shiny you could navigate a tunnel and stockings whose only function is to make your gams look fab.

Black, natch, but you can color me pink, turquoise and gold, too. But keep it close to the vest. No flyaway fringes or fussy lace. These mods are serious, remember?

Just hug the curves and you'll stay on track.

**A suit, by its very name, has to fit the age and be ageless**

This year's classics suit the look and look suitable.

Sensible, single-breasted designs play on an autumnal canvas of oranges, browns, apple-greens and light grays. Time falls when you're having fun.

Thick tweed today. Drapery, soft wool tonight.

Bright, chin-up turtles at dawn. Little black bows this evening.

And there's a coat to match: monochromatic; maybe a big hip pocket or two; a long line straight to the knee; and big buttons up the front.

And, not to put too fine a point on it, here comes a pair of pointy, jaunty heels just for laughs.

**Color fashion for fall with vivid crayon splashes here and there**

Deep yellow and earthy mustard. Fire engine or tomato red. Pure purple or exotic emerald. Rich burgundy and cobalt blue.

Pair them with heavy doses of ever-popular black, chocolate brown or rich olive.

Designers are injecting jolts of color via accessories, instead of entire ensembles. They can add immediate dash to an otherwise monotone canvas of black or brown.

"Color is being used more as an accent than a base," said Allen Ferrell, the 2003-'04 president of Color Marketing Group. "Red is very strong."

So are hues like adobe, gold, spring grass green and yellow. He characterized them as "jewel tones, but softened."

Consider yellow, a tricky shade to position near many a skin tone.

Incorporating this hue away from the face is as simple as sporting one of this season's most important accessories: gloves. They have emerged as fashion statements in such raucous shades as bright yellow, red, and green.

As they flash by positioned next to a black or brown backdrop, the overall outfit assumes a

new personality.

Another nominee for color creativity is the handbag. Look for an abundance of croc (crocodile). Or mock croc. It has assumed a brand new identity by parading these days in mustard, purple, green and other shades.

Colorful croc has crept into footwear, especially boots. Some are real showstoppers, with bright shades spreading from toes to above knees. Trendy thigh-high styles are communicating similarly colorful messages.

And no updated wardrobe should be without these basic pieces — a black jacket, skirt, trousers and turtleneck.

A white blouse remains a staple and will help dilute black. Or accessorize the blouse with a chunky necklace, perhaps made of crystals sparkling with majestic jewel tones. Top your look off with a pair of stylish drop earrings in a knockout color.

Follow the lead of designer Ralph Lauren, who subtly injected purple beneath dark menswear fabric by adding a lush scarf. Or

copy designer Adrienne Vittadini who enlivened a black croc-motif jacket with a patterned red, black and white scarf.

And for true drama, imitate designer Carolina Herrera, who paired a brown fur jacket with a wide swath of ruby satin encircling the waist.

The color possibilities are nearly limitless. So alluring are the hues that it might be tempting to wear a rainbow all at once. Instead, use exclamation points like red or yellow to punctuate your look.

#### Top tips

Listen up fellas. If you're fashion impaired, check out these do's and don'ts from Kenneth Pantone, men's fashion expert and president of eCityStyle.com. Pantone also is former publisher of *azurmag.com* and former senior manager at P. Diddy's *Notorious* magazine.

Here are Pantone's tips for making the most of your look this fall:

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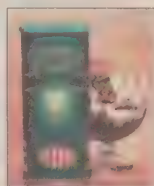
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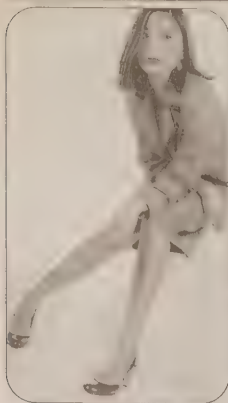
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**Fall fashion** (left to right and down): **Leather-trimmed leanings:** Harve Benard wool blend jacket with leather trim, \$94, and slit skirt, \$64 both at Kohl's Department Store. **Nine West "Nimbly" slingback** in brown with off-white trim, \$69 at Boston Store. **Shifting gears:** Tan corduroy drivers' cap by Sixty, \$29, long-sleeve Diesel T-shirt, \$59, and Diesel jeans, \$149, all at Detour. **Touch of class:** Black wool shift, \$148, topped by a ladylike cream coat with mother-of-pearl buttons, \$248, clutch, \$38, and pumps, \$128, all at Banana Republic. **Show your stripes:** Ben Sherman Vintage stripe shirt and tie, \$79, Ben Sherman leather jacket, \$409, all at Detour. **Diesel belt:** \$59, at Detour.



## Fashion

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- Do buy pointy-toed dress shoes this fall. Square-toed shoes are out.
- Do buy baggy fit, relaxed denim. No more skin-tight jeans.
- Do buy a white long-sleeved Brooks Brothers shirt. Skip the shirts with tiny polka dots.
- Do buy the striped ties, colorful. Your tie should stand out. Solid-colored ties are very last season.
- Do go with simply elegant watches. Consider the Baume-et Mercier line.
- Don't go unshaven. Clean grooming is in.
- Do go for sophisticated eyewear. It's back, even in sunglasses. Oakleys are out.
- Do wear leather belts with casual outfits, big belt buckles in the fall — very Texas, very cowboyish. Don't wear fabric belts. They're for spring and summer.
- French cuffs are a do, for both casual and formal looks. It's a fabulous look with great shoes and jeans — understated elegance.
- Do put a splash of color in your gear, maybe wearing a chocolate brown suit paired with a seasonally colored tie.

Don't look like a funeral director by wearing too much black on black.

### Honey, can I borrow this?

Once again, we look to where the boys are when it comes to updating our classics.

We have double-breasted pants suits but a little longer in the waist, a little wider in the cuffs and a little rounder in the hips, because, well, the boy thing is only style deep.

And we've got cool browns and warm chestnuts — colors from his side of the closet but covered in cozy overcoats with straight collars that emphasize our eyes instead of his Adam's apple. His look, her shape. Boy, that's smart.

## Family briefs

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

### Lunchbox savings

Your kids' school lunches shouldn't take a bite out of your budget. To pack in the savings, consider these suggestions from "Parents" magazine:

- Buy snack-size plastic bags and fill them with pretzels, crackers or carrot sticks that you can buy in bulk.
- Use dinner leftovers for lunch. Chicken breast, for example, makes a great sandwich. Plain pasta can be tossed with dressing and mixed with veggies and turkey to create a kid-friendly salad.
- Save money on juice boxes by putting drinks in reusable bottles.
- Encourage your kids to bring home whatever they don't eat, and monitor the leftovers. If you regularly pack half a dozen cheese cubes and your child only eats three, cut back.

### The state of our unions

Fewer children are living in married-couple households compared to past decades, according to a report issued by the National Marriage Project at Rutgers.

"It is not that it (marriage) is withering away for adults, but ... it is withering away as a family experience for children," said Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, co-director of the project.

Key findings from the 2003 report:

- More than a third of children are born outside of marriage.
- An estimated 40 percent of children are expected to spend some time in a cohabiting, unmarried-couple household during their childhood.
- The percentage of American children living apart from their biological fathers has doubled over the past 40 years, from 17 percent to 34 percent.
- By 2010, the Census Bureau projects that married couples with children will account for only 20 percent of total households.

### Quarreling kids

Though they may drive parents

crazy, quarreling kids are learning valuable lessons about how to get along with other people, says Anthony Wolf, author of "Mom, Jason's Breathing on Me!" (Ballantine Books, \$12.95).

Wolf's advice:

- Unless there's threat of harm, don't intervene.
- Never listen to the content of the bickering. If your child whines about his brother, respond with, "Would you like a hug?"
- Siblings can't work out solutions unless you let them — which they won't do on the basis of fairness but of real-life negotiation, often when you're not there.

### The kids' schedule? Check the Web site

To help divorced families keep track of visitation and other shared scheduling responsibilities, a Minneapolis man has created a Web tool that tracks family members via color-coded calendars.

By using Ourfamilywizard.com, parents can coordinate schedules across separate households; different colors delineate days that children spend with each parent, each child's activities and which parent will drive them.

Family advocates say the Web tool can be especially helpful in early, emotional stages of divorce, when split-up families often find it hardest to communicate civilly.

### Forget the spare room; grandma wants a hotel!

Grandparents may love to visit their grandkids, but when it comes to overnight stays, they'd rather sleep somewhere else.

According to a survey by Candlewood Suites, a nationwide hotel chain, more than two-thirds of grandparents said they would rather stay in a hotel than with their grandkids. Most said they would prefer a hotel because they want more privacy. 31 percent said there isn't enough space at their grandkids' house.

- Other highlights from the survey:
  - 27 percent of grandparents said they have stayed at their grandkids' house just because they would feel guilty staying at a hotel.
  - 41 percent said their ideal visit

is just for a weekend.

■ Six people said they'd parachute out of an airplane stay with their grandkids.

### Hot-button issues

What do couples with disagree about most? According to a Parenting.com poll, it's techniques. Forty-two respondents said they argued about how to discipline their children. Other top responses were the house in order (32 percent) and a routine (16 percent). Safety concerns (10 percent) were a distant fourth.

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### Rapunzel, Rapunzel, donate your hair!

About 2 million children in the United States suffer from alopecia areata, a disease which results in long-term hair loss and can have a devastating impact on a young person's confidence and self-esteem.

To raise awareness of the disease, the Matrix haircare company has partnered with Locks of Love to launch the "Matrix Search for Rapunzel," a search for America's longest locks and biggest hair.

To enter, submit a photo of your hair along with a typed word essay that explains why you would like to donate your hair. Locks of Love, the grand prize winner will receive a trip to New York City, tickets to the musical "Hairspray" and a meal by the Matrix Design Team.

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### WHITE CHRISTMAS HOT CHOCOLATE

12 ounces of milk  
1-1/4 ounces of finely chopped  
white chocolate  
1 ounce of crushed peppermint  
or spearmint candy canes  
Pinch of salt  
Whipped cream  
Pour the milk into a saucepan  
and bring it to a simmer over  
medium heat. Reduce heat to  
medium-low. Add the chocolate,  
half of the crushed candy canes,  
and a pinch of salt. Whisk until  
smooth and creamy, then pour into  
a coffee mug. Top with whipped  
cream and remaining crushed  
candy canes.

### QUICK PARTY EGGNOG

1 cup of cold eggnog  
1/3 tablespoon of ground cin-  
namon  
1/3 banana

2/3 tablespoon maple syrup  
1/3 tablespoon of ground nutmeg  
Blend ingredients at medium  
speed. Pour into a glass and top  
with more nutmeg.

### CRANBERRY-APPLE WASSAIL

8 cups of cranberry juice  
3 cups of apple juice  
5 small cinnamon sticks  
1/3 cup of sugar  
3/4 teaspoon of ground nutmeg  
1 teaspoon of whole cloves  
5 orange slices  
3 lemon slices  
In a saucepan bring the first six  
ingredients to a boil over medium-  
high heat. Reduce the heat and  
cover. Simmer for ten minutes.  
Strain into a heat-resistant punch  
bowl. Add the fruit slices.

### COLD CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT

2 scoops of chocolate ice cream  
1 cup of cold milk  
Dash of peppermint extract  
Chocolate shavings  
Peppermint candy cane  
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## Thai peanut sauce

(NAPS)

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### SIMPLE THAI PEANUT SAUCE

1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic  
1/2 teaspoon minced shallots  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne powder  
1/2 teaspoon curry powder or to taste

1 tablespoon soy sauce  
2/3 cup milk  
1/4 cup water  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter  
1/4 teaspoon lime juice  
Heat the oil in a saucepan over low heat. Add the garlic, shallots,

cayenne powder and curry powder. (Do not allow the spices to burn.) Stir for 5 seconds until fragrant, then add the soy sauce, milk, water, sugar and peanut butter.

While stirring occasionally, sim-

mer for about 5 minutes. Add the lime juice and remove from heat. Check for a nice balance of salty, sweet, sour and spicy flavors. Serve immediately. Makes about 1 cup and serves 8.

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## Flooring considerations

BY G. F. CHASTAIN  
NIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

I have finally decided to redo some of the floors in my home and wondered what you would tell me about different kinds of flooring.

There are many common types of flooring other than wood carpet including vinyl composition, asphalt, linoleum, terrazzo, tile, slate, quarry stone and solid ceramic tile.

Choosing the right flooring for your home requires several considerations. What style home? What floor? How many people will use it? How active are they? How much effort and money are you willing to expend to keep the floor in good shape? How long is it supposed to last? How much money are you investing in it?

Assume you can afford what you want and are more concerned about the care and upkeep of your purchase. Here are some considerations on some different flooring types.

**Vinyl (Vinyl Composition Tile):** Comes in 12 square inch tiles. More stain-resistant, resilient than asphalt tile because of clay, filler and color pigments with vinyl resin used as the base. Make sure no one scrubs the floor at least five days after installation.

**Asphalt tiles** come in nine sizes and in a grade designed as "greaseproof." Be careful—avoid all oils and solvents on all types of asphalt tiles. If you have to strip the floor, remove solvent strippers can bleach the floor. While you can strip the floor, be sure that there are no coats of finish on the floor.

**Quarry tile:** This ceramic tile is a mixture of clay and water shaped and fired at high temperatures. It will require a floor finish and a sealer. If you decide to put it in your kitchen, don't coat it.

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## Bake a classic breakfast

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On a day when you have extra time, make a long-time favorite breakfast recipe for your family. Hearty Breakfast Bake is characteristic of a classic bake, incorporating eggs, potatoes and cheese.

### HEARTY BREAKFAST BAKE

- 1 package (12 ounces) bulk pork sausage
- 2 medium green onions, thinly sliced OR 1/3 cup chopped green or red bell pepper
- 2 1/2 cups frozen loose-pack hash brown potatoes (from 30-ounce package)
- 1 package (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese (2 cups)
- 1 cup Original Bisquick mix
- 2 cups milk
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 5 eggs

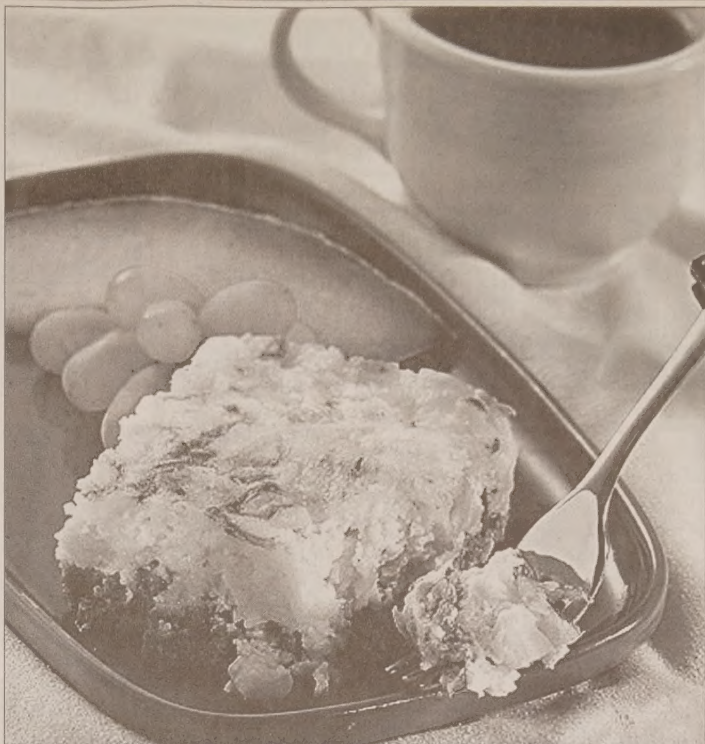
Heat oven to 400 degrees. Spray with cooking spray or grease 13x9-inch baking dish. Cook sausage in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until no longer pink; drain.

Layer sausage, onions, potatoes and cheese in baking dish. Stir remaining ingredients in large bowl until blended. Pour over ingredients in baking dish.

Bake uncovered 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes.

Prep time: 20 minutes, bake time: 40 minutes, stand time: 5 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

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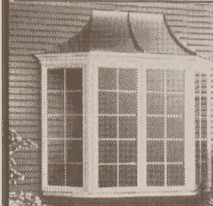
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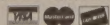


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